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January 4,1921

Rev. John A. Marquis,D.D.,
156 5th Avenue, New York.
Dear Dr. Marquis:

In reply to your inquiry regarding Miss Esther Gibson for Barrow would say that she has my unqualified commendation and recommendation. After her 30 years of service in mission work she is qualified not only professionally but also spiritually as no one else whom I know is for work among native people. The only question would be her age. She is now well up in sixty. But when I last saw her she seemed in perfect health and strong. If she is able physically there is no question about other qualifications. I did not know she was available as I understood that she was tied to the care of a sister back in the east somewhere. I hope she can be procured for Barrow.

Cordially yours,

James H. Condit

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Rev. J.A.Marquis,D.D.,
156 5th Avenue,
New York.

Dear Dr. Marquis:

In reply to your letter of the 21st ult. I am writing another letter as to all items excepting that referring to the effect of my letter to Dr. Young,with reference to his proposed trip to Alaska,on him,and your regret that I wrote the same.

There were two courses open under the circumstances, first, to answer Dr. Young's letter to me on the subject,which he sent along with the prospectus which he submitted to the Board; secondly, to ignore the same entirely. Not only did he send me a personal letter on the subject but also stated that all members of the Board to whom he had referred his project looked upon it with favor. In his communication addressed to the members of the Board he quoted me as favoring the proposed itinerary. Also, in communications with various persons in Alaska he had given the impression that the forthcoming itinerary was a forgeone conclusion and inquiries have been coming to me as to Dr. Young's coming extensive trip to Alaska.

Under these conditions, and also because I was not only amazed but vexed that he should think of proposing such an expenditure at a time when the churches on the field,and the missionaries,are being told of the increasingly gloomy outlook for the treasury of the Board leading them to inquire of me repeatedly whether this meant reduction in salaries and appropriations, etc., it seemed to me that the only frank and honest thing to do was to tell him the truth. I said nothing to him that I would not have said in the Board meeting in his presence had I been called upon to express an opinion.

I fail to see why he should come to you with the letter as if I had done hom a personal injury. There was nothing unkind, nor as I see it unchristian, in the letter. To me it would have been a greater breach of courtesy not to answer his letter, or, answering to camouflage. If there was any breach, from his own point of view, it must have been because I considered his proposal impractical and unwise. I did not intend in any way to give my communication any official significance for I am fully aware that the decision of the Board in the matter is the final authority and that my opinion does not and should not enter into the judgement of that body. My letter was simply the expression of my personal opinipn in answer to Dr. Young's tacit request for the same.

It seems to me that it would have been a far greater kindness to Dr. Young to have told him last fall that there was no possibility of his being sent on this mission rather than to allow him to bring the matter to the attention of the various departments,as well as to other denominations, and to proceed so far with his preparations as to make the final decision of the Board a crushing one.

I might add that Dr. young's financial record in the territory in connection with his work in some of our missions, a record which is vividly in the mind of some good Presbyterian workers who have had to get under the burden, does not lend favor to any such scheme as this. The proposition has created unfavorable comment on the part of those in Alaska who are familiar with the facts above. They, with me, have been vexed with what appeals to them as a foolish proposition.

While I am truly sorry that the letter caused Dr. Young hurt I do not see how I could avoid telling him the truth in response to his letter. Nor do I see how it would have helped matters not to reply to his letter at all, or r eplying,to evade the issue.

Cordially yours,

James A. Condit

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156 FIFTH AVENUE,
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CHAIRMAN COMM. January 7, 1921.

TO THE CHAIRMAN COMMITTEES ON CHURCH ERECTION.

Dear Fellow Workers:-

I take pleasure in sending you under separate cover a copy of "A Manual of Church Plans" which has just come from the press.

The Board will be pleased to supply a copy of this booklet to any church or Building Committee that desires it, upon request, and free of cost.

Please consult pages 40 - 46 of our Annual Report sent you previously.

In the first nine months of this year applications have amounted to over $2,000,000. The Board has actually appropriated $1,200,000. The annual income of the Board from all sources including the Budget amounts to about $750,000. and is insufficient to pay the appropriations already made.

The Board has been concerned as to how to meet these great demands, and, after most careful consideration of the necessities of our churches, put in its Budget for 20 - 21 at $1,388,000. The Executive Commission has reduced the Budgets of all the Boards and fixed our Budget at $250,000.

If we receive this Budget next year we will have approximately $800,000 for our work. This may mean a real hardship to some of our churches and I think it would be wise if you would ascertain, as soon as possible, what the churches in your Presbytery are planning to do in the way of building next year, and how much money your Presbytery may possibly apply for.

If the requirements of all the Presbyteries are beyond our resources we will be compelled to reduce the extent of our aid. I shall be glad to keep in close touch with you and if you write me frankly in regard to the whole situation I will appreciate it.

Wishing you a Happy New Year I am,

Very cordially yours,

W/H/VA. DAVID G. WYLIE

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Rev. John Dixon,D.D.,
156 5th Avenue,
New York.

Dear Dr. Dixon:

The Presbytery of Alaska for a number of years has received an appropriation to meet the expense of the meeting of the Presbytery. This last year $175 was granted for this purpose.

Heretofore the Presbytery of Yukon has met its travel expense by pro rata assessment on the ministers. This assessment has run as high as $20 each. It is never less than $5 each.

Last year I reported that the Presbytery of Yukon was asking for an appropriation of One Hundred Dollars for this purpose. No meeting of the Presbytery was held in 1920. There are two new members to be received, Rev. R.S.Nickerson, recently taking charge at Cordova and Rev. Fred G. Scherer, now of Fairbanks. There is also the election of Commissioner to the Assembly and other business of the Presbytery. We want to have a meeting, probably about April first, at which time Rev. R.J.Diven,D.D., will be coming out from Nenana to take the work at Wrangel. It is the desire to hold this meeting at Cordova. This will mean the fare of Mr. Marple, from Anchorage to Cordova and return or in case we hold the meeting at Anchorage the fare of Mr. Nickerson from Cordova to Anchorage and return. I will also have my fare to pay, it being understood, however, that if not otherwise provided that expense will be charged up to my travelling expense account. But the fare of the one delegate necessary to make a quorum, with myself and ~~the~~ ~~secretary~~ will be at least One Hundred Dollars.
Mr. Diven,

In looking over the grants for Yukon Presbytery I find no mention of Presbytery expense. But I do find, under "Alaska General" an item "Special Fund" in the sum of $200. May we count on an appropriation of $100 from this special fund to apply on our Presbytery expense? The Board will understand that inasmuch as the very large portion of the church membership of Yukon Presbytery is in the Barrow Eskimo churches we have no source of income from assessment of members of churches in any way adequate to meet Presbyterial expenses. It does not seem equitable and just that the missionaries of Yukon Presbytery should be compelled to meet this expense.

Will you kindly present this matter to the Board.

Sincerely yours,

James H. Condit

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Steamer Freight.

IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO

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Dr. Jas. H. Condit,
Juneau, Alaska.

Dear Doctor:

I returned from Canada by way of New York three days ago, and on my return was handed your letter dated December 8th. Was very glad to hear from you and thank you on behalf of Mrs. Pedersen and myself for your kind wishes.

I interviewed the Board while in New York and put before them the matter of freight for your Point Barrow Hospital. I feel confident that they will leave this matter in our hands.

The bulk of your cargo will be coal - I made them a price of $65.00 per ton, F.O.B. coal landed at Point Barrow. This means the best stove coal that it is possible to buy, packed in 100 pound sacks. At the present price of coal, this will leave us about $45.00 per ton for freight - which is about 1/2 of what you paid for freight last year.

I suggested to Mr. Banks that they send up a 20 X 30 warehouse in which to store this coal, as I know from past experience that if the coal is left outside the bags will freeze together and a crowbar has to be used to pry them apart. Naturally the sacks rip open and a big portion of the coal is lost in the snow - and of course the Eskimo children are on hand in the Sprincto pick it up for their own use.

With best wishes for a Happy New Year from my wife and myself, I remain

Yours very truly,

C. T. Pedersen

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January 8th, 1921

Rev. John Dixon, D.D.,
156 5th Avenue, New York.

My dear Dr. Dixon:

Replyimg to your letter of the 17th ult. regarding the action of the Board in declinimg to meet the expense of electric heater, linoleum and wiring my house for electric range and heating, would say that under the showing I am willing to accept the decision of the Board with respect to the linoluem and electric range and stove. Regarding the latter, however, I cnnot but call attention to the fact that the Board has agreed to furnish the ranges and heating stoves in its Alaska manses.

But it does seem to me that the wiring of the house is on a different basis. On leaving the house I can dispose of the range and stove as also the linoleum, although it is a pity to tear up the latter and put the incoming Board representative to the expense of buying new.

The wiring is different. It is in the house permanently as a part of the building itself and I cannot realize anything for it by sale. In addition it increases the valus of the Board's property either for rental or sale purposes.

However, I bow to the decision of the Board but without enthusiasm, as it were.

Sincerely yours,

James H. Condit

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Rev. John Dixon,D.D.,
156 5th Avenue,
New York.

My dear Dr. Dixon:

Your letter of December 8th is before me with its interesting suggestions regarding our Alaska work.

With regard to Mr. Bierkemper I have had quite an explicit letter from Rev. F.G.Mitchell, Supt. of the Canada Mission among the Navajo Indians, which gives the reasons why it would not seem advisable to open the way for his coming to our missions.

You will be glad to know, as we are here, that Mr. Diven is willing to go to Wrangel. I do not know of a man who can better take charge in that field with its complex problems. The people at Wrangel know Mr. Diven and look forward with great satisfaction to his coming. I am in hopes that he may be on hand by the first of April although he may not be able to get away from the interior so soon.

In regard to the Commissionership Mr. Diven will be our choice should Dr. Spence not want to represent Yukon Presbytery. Of course Dr. Spence has the right of way should he wish to be our delegate. But Dr. Marquis suggests that he will probably have the privilege of attendance in any event since he is to be in the east in the interest of our Board work. I have written him suggesting this and asking him to indicate whether he desires in addition to be our commissioner.

In regard to Metlakatla I have written at length to Dr. Marquis and would be glad if you would take time to look over my letters. The Secretary of the Interior has recently directly ordered the people of Metlakatla to hold the church building open to all who wish to worship there. The new Presbyterian organization, in so far as I know, has never used the building but had been holding its services in the school house. Farther our church lays no claim to the old building but plans to erect a modern house of worship in due time.

I hope that the Board will not permit Dr. Myers to becloud the issue which is not one of two denominations at all. The Trustees are attempting to perpetuate now in religious matters what the government had been compelled to end in commercial and educational affairs, viz, the old Duncan regime. This latter in its latter years was a pitiable failure. To refuse support to the Presbyterian organization in favor of the continuance of the old Duncan Church will be an injustice to the Presbyterian element. Farther, while the Board may withhold its support and cast its influence in behalf of the continuance of the Duncan church, no such organization can properly care for the spiritual interests of the people of Metlakatla and they will not be mechanically welded into a church body. The division is too deep and fundamental to be cured by such means.

How unfortunate Condit is not our policy! D

Should such a measure be adopted it would mean turning over the control of the spiritual interests of Metlakatla to three men, the Trustees of the Duncan will. They claim the right of final authority in religious matters should they be able to coerce the community into an arrangement which on its face is doomed to failure. I submit that it would be very unjust to the 147 members of the Presbyterian church, now fully organized and with a larger membership than any other congregation in Alaska excepting Barrow, to require them to go into an independent organization unattached to any Protestant body and subject to the control of three men who at the outset are despaeately prejudiced against the Presbyterian element.

If Dr. Young suggested that the best solution was to turn the work at Metlakatla over to some other denomination , as appears in Dr. Myers' letter, in my judgement he speaks inadvisedly. Just why it would make for peace to turn the work over to the Methodist body does not appear to me. Those who adhere to the Duncan regime would be no more favorable to such an arrangement, unless it carried with it the supervision of the trustees and especially the proceeds of the will, than with the Presbyterian arrangement. I feel that the "Trustees" and perhaps the Board also are failing to recognize the principle of self determination in religious affairs at Metlakatla. Those who asked for admission to the Presbyterian Church and to ecclesiastical relations similar to those enjoyed by other local bodies did not do so ignorantly or unadvisedly. They had made the matter of church government, doctrine and customs a matter of formal study and they know that they wish to be alligned with some American church, that they do not want any longer to continue under an independent form and especially under such an independent form as that represented in the so called Christian Church of Merlakatla.

Dr. Myers speaks from a heart filled with prejudice of long standing against Edward Marsden and all that he represents. He and the Trustees are in open quarrel with the Government and as bitter toward the Department of the Interior as was Father Duncan. Having lost out on the score of Commercial and Educational matters they are now making a last stand for the perpetuation of a systemn at Metlakatla which was unAmerican and undemocratic and not for the best inter est of the natives of Metlakatla. The issue should not be permitted to become beclouded by any such proposala as the Trustees are now making.

I am herewith enclosing Dr. Myers' letter which you kindly sent to me for consideration.

Sincerely yours,

James A. Condit

January 12, 1921.

Rev. James H. Condit, D. D.,
Juneau,
Alaska.

Dear Dr. Condit:

I am writing to ask you to go to Seattle and possibly to San Francisco to arrange for the shipment of our supplies for next year to Point Barrow and Cape Prince of Wales. We have had no requisition or news from either point as to the supplies needed. I take it for granted that you are informed on this as the result of your visit last summer. Captain Pedersen was in the office a month ago and thought that the matter ought to be attended to in January. However, you might get in communication with him, if you are pressed for time, and have it postponed a little later. You ought to have some time to inquire also about other possibilities than the Liebes Company. A little competition would be wholesome. When you go to Seattle, confer with Mr. Gould at once and get him to help you in the purchase and shipment of supplies all he can.

While you are in the States also I wish you would make diligent search for a physician to go to Point Barrow next summer. We must not leave that station vacant. Our Episcopal brethren at Point Hope would be only too glad to go up there and assume charge. When Mr. Lopp was here a couple of weeks ago he intimated that if we could get a physician whose wife could take charge of the school, he would appoint her. He agreed that it is vital to have unity of administration up there for both the mission and the school, and about the only way to get it would be to have a common head. His intimation I think ought to be acted on by us very promptly. I have already written to Mr. Gould about it and have asked him to have his eye open for some such combination on the Pacific Coast. We have been diligently advertising for a physician who would fill the bill, but so far have not found one. We have applications from nurses, but none as yet from doctors, except two who would not do because of their young children.

I have just written you in regard to a Miss Gibson, I think her name is, who used to be in Alaskan service, and I am told is known to you. Let me have your judgment on her at once as we ought to get into communication with her soon if she will fill the bill.

Your estimate of Dr. Spence is about that of Mr. Lopp's. He has been writing the Board with the desire to come to New York, but inasmuch as Dr. Shriver is in Los Angeles I have written the two of them to get together and let Dr. Spence pour out his tale of woe. I have assumed that the longer he waits the more rested he will be and, therefore, less likely to give way to nervousness.

Very sincerely yours,

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January 15,1921

Rev. John A. Marquis,D.D.,
156 5th Avenue,
New York.

Dear Doctor Marquis:

Here is a matter which I must refer to you for a decision which I would like to have wired to me as we need it at once.

The Lois, our mission boat, has been in use now for some seven or eight years without having her engine taken apart and overhauled. Before another season's use she must have her cylinders bored out and this involves an expense of approximately $300, possibly a little more. The present is the time to have this work done since it is the slack time with the machine shops. It can be done here at Juneau to excellent advantage.

I have arranged so that the work can be done on credit and payment be delayed until as late as next June. The Iron Works here are perfectly willing to extend such credit in order to have the work out of the way now.

The reason for this is that the appropriation for this year for the use of the Lois is exhausted. The above will be an extra and in addition to the amount usually asked for upkeep of the boat.

I want to have a word from you which will be our justification for anticipating next year's appropriation and having this work done now, if you think it advisable to go ahead with the work. I do not feel that I have the authority to instruct Mr. Beck to send in his engine until I have some word from the Board which will give assurance of a favorable action on the request for an appropriation to cover this expense. Should you see your way to order this work done on the understanding that a grant will be made in next year's appropriation to cover the same will you wire me to that effect so that we may proceed immediately. If I get no wire I will understand that the way is not open for this work.

The Lois, as used by Mr. and Mrs. Beck, is a real missionary asset in our work in Alaska. Last summer she travelled 2,370 miles in S.E.Alaska waters in missionary service and reached approximately 4,000 people with gospel services, religious literature and spiritual and mental uplift. This coming summer it is the plan to use the moving picture machine furnished by the Board last summer in reaching the many people, Whites, Japanese, Mexicans, Fillipinos, as well as Natives who work at the canneries and in the camps of summer. Mr. Beck urges that the Lois be considered as an extra missionary, for this the boat really is. I will soon send you an article on the Lois for publicity purposes. The boat ought to be better known and to become a larger publicity asset to the Board.

If possible will you wire me favorably upon receipt of this letter.

Sincerely yours,

James H. Condit

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January 17,1921

Rev. John A. Marquis,D.D.,
156 5th Avenue,
New York.

Dear Dr. Marquis:

In the last quarterly report of our missionary at Sitka, Rev. R.A.Buchanan, which has been sent in to the Board and of which I have a copy, appears the following:

> "We have one drawback and while we have faced it for a year and a half it becomes increasingly great and I feel I cannot but speak of it at this time. I have not done so before because I dislike to do it and hoped and prayed that matters might improve. This draw back is in the person of the Superintendent of the Sheldon Jackson School. The school and the church have always been so closely associated, working for and with each other as should be the case. It has been for me personally a most pleasant and profitable relationship and also for all concerned.
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> Mr. McKean has antagonized the church from the day of his ~~coming~~ arrival and has completely alienated the native people. They have carried it among the native people throughout the whole of South Eastern Alaska and it is going to take years to repair the damage done already. It is a most unfortunate thing for the work of the Kingdom here in Alaska.
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> Much more might be said. I very much regret to have to say what I have but I believe the work demands it be said. I am voicing the sentiment of the officers and the people of the church and I believe I am voicing the sentiment of every teacher in the school, Sheldon Jackson School, when I say that it is hoped that some member of the Woman's Board may come here in the near future to look into the matter first hand"

This appeals to me as a serious situation and would seem to corroborate my judgement, as expressed to you some time since, that it is imperative that the Woman's Board investigate the situation at their earliest convenience. Would it not be advisable to hand the above statement of Mr. Buchanan to Miss Voss?

Sincerely yours,

James H. Condit.

January 18, 1921.

Rev. James H. Condit, D.D.,

Juneau, Alaska.

My dear Dr. Condit:-

The Executive Council has fixed upon March the eighth as the date of beginning the study of the budget for the next fiscal year of the Board. Please send me the estimate of need for Yukon Presbytery in detail.

I am writing to Mr. Bruce for the estimate of the Presbytery of Alaska. I assume that you and he will confer with regard to that.

And with all good wishes, I am,

Cordially yours,

P.S. I enclose blanks such as are sent to Presbyteries. Please use them if you find them convenient.

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Enclosures- (3)

Jamary 19, 1921.

Rev. James H. Condit, D.D.,

Juneau, Alaska.

My dear Dr. Condit:-

I have received a number of letters from you which will have full consideration.

I simply drop a note to say that fortunately you are in error with regard to the $100. in the appropriation to Yukon Presbytery. There it stands $100. for presbyterial expenses. There is also an item of $200. for the special fund. Draw on the $100. for the necessary expenses of the brethren to the meeting of Presbytery and I hope you'll send Diven to the Assembly.

Cordially yours,

JD/I.

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January 20,1921

Rev. John A. Marquis,D.D.,
156 5th Avenue,
New York.

Dear Dr. Marquis:

The enclosed offer from Capt. Pedersen commends itself to me as desirable. You remember that last year we paid $60 freight alone, from Teller to Barrow. Capt. Pedersen offers to land the best grade of stove coal,in one hundred pound sacks, at Barrow, for $65 per ton.

I believe that it is much more desirable to contract with Pedersen than with Allan of the Olga. The latter has a much less reliable boat and failed us last year because of this. The Hermann always gets through. If it had not been for the Hermann and Fox, both Liebes boats, we would have fared badly on freight matters last year.

The proposition regarding a coal shed is praiseworthy as it seems to me. I would like to call attantion to another matter also, and that is that last year in the transferring of the coal,with consequent handling,many of the sacks were broken and much fuel lost. By shipping directly from San Francisco to Barrow all this would be avoided. And, it seems to me that the same argument will apply in the handling of all our freight for Barrow, Wales and St. Lawrence Island, should the latter place be opened. We can depend upon the large and powerful Hermann but can not depend with certainty upon the Olga with Capt. Allan.

The important feature is to attend to the ordering of supplies in time. Last year everything came in a rush and we lost money by fact of the urgency of the case.

Sincerely yours,

James H Condit

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January 21, 1921

Rev. J.A.Marquis,D.D.,
156 5th Avenue,
New York.

Dear Dr. Marquis:

I enclose a copy of Dr. Wylie's recent statement as to prospects of the Church Erection Board for the coming year and indicating the possibility of necessity of cutting appropriations.

Recently I wrote you in regard to the needs of the Sitka for a new and adequate building. I am very sure that the Board of Church Erection can not find an object more worthy of its help that this field under present conditions and need and I am sending you a copy of my letter to Dr. Wylie trusting that you may be able to speak a word which will put Sitka in line for a grant.

Cordially yours,

James H. Condit

Copy

January 21,1921

Rev. David G. Wylie,D.D.,
Board of Church Erection,
156 5th Avenue,
New York.

Dear Dr. Wylie:

Your recent communication to Chairman relative to the requirements of the Presbyteries for the coming year is before me.

As General Missionary I represent the two Presbyteries of Alaska, Yukon and Alaska, in a general way. I am chairman of the Church Erection Committee of Yukon Presbytery, while Rev. David Waggoner of this town,is chairman of the Alaska Presbytery committee.

The Presbytery of Yukon, so far as I now know, will not ask the Board for a grant, although should we open a new our work at St. Lawrence Island it might be necessary to ask for help.

But in the Presbytery of Alaska there are two needs which demand favorable attention at this time.

We must have a new manse at Wrangell and for this the Board made a grant of $3500 some time ago which has been not called for because the field has been without a man and building operations have been held in suspense. Now we have a man coming, in the spring, and we must proceed with the house. Mr. Banks wrote me recently regarding this grant, stating that it was about to lapse, and I have written him the facts, asking that it be still held available.

A very great need just now is a new church building at Sitka. The present church quarters there now, both native and white, are very inadequate, and the building for whites is really a disgrace to Presbyterianism, old, inadequate in size and entirely out of proportion to the important work carried on there.

The present plan is to erect one building which shall be adequate for all community needs. This includes the large native work as represented in the native village, the native work as represented in the Sheldon Jackson School and the white work of Sitka, since ours is the only Protestant church there. It will have to be large enough to accomodate three Sunday Schools and have audience rooms for two services held at the same time. The thought is to utilize the site of the white church where the natural contour of the lot makes possible a building with a basement story which can be used for native services.

At the present schedule of prices such a building will cost in the neighborhood of $10,000 and a large part of this amount will have to come from sources outside the community.

I do not know of any place in Alaska where a suitable church building is more needed than here. The large Greek Catholic church is one of the oldest and most venerable in Alaska and attracts a much larger proportion of the natives from the native villages than it ought to , or would, if a place of worship was available nearer to the native village. At present the people must walk close to a mile in order to reach the present building on the Sheldon Jackson school grounds. I could write much more which would be to the point but have already trespassed upon your time.

It is my earnest hope that in making calculations for the expenditures of the year this urgent need may have favorable consideration.

Very sincerely yours,

James A. Wickersham

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HEADQUARTERS
NO. 156 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK

TERRITORY OF ALASKA
JAMES H. CONDIT, D. D., GENERAL MISSIONARY
JUNEAU, ALASKA

January 22,1921

Rev. John A. Marquis,D.D.,
156 5th Avenue,
New York.

Dear Dr. Marquis:

The enclosed letter, with copy of quarterly report sent to your office, has just been received from our new Fairbanks missionary, Rev. Fred G. Scherer.

It is in reply to the inquiry which I have sent to all the Yukon Presbytery churches asking for information as to prospects financial for the coming year.

I do not like the tone of the letter. I presume that it is to be excused on the ground that the man is very young, inexperienced and cocksure.

Especially do I not like the reference to the Board "saving its face" in the matter of church officers providing furniture for the manse to the extent of $900! In so far as I knew the manse contained the "heavier and more permanent articles". I am writing to Mr. Marple for information as to this.

I am enclosing a copy of my reply to Mr. Scherer and would call attention to the fact that Mr. Scherer suggested that a copy of his letter, which he furnished, be sent to you. It seems to me that it would be proper to defend the representation that the manse was furnished according to the Board's agreement in so far as the Board knew the facts. I would also be glad to know the facts as to representations in New York on the salary question.

Cordially yours,

James H. Condit

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come from the Board
on the assumption that the
Board would match to
$700 in case amount to
be raised in Fairbanks, thus making
$1400 for Fairbanks

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JUNEAU, ALASKA

156 Avenue. Please confer Today

January 22,1921

Rev. J.A.Marquis,D.D.,
156 5th Avenue,
New York.

Dear Dr. Marquis:

I enclose a letter from Dr. Spence relative to attendance at the Assembly. He would like to go as Commissioner but wants his wife to be with him. Undoubtedly she has an interesting story for the women and would be of service in stimulating interest.

As I understand it the Board expects to have Dr. and Mrs. Spence in the east for a tour of the churches as soon as their strength will permit. If this is true it would be doubtless the farther plan of the Board to have them at the Assembly meeting.

In this case, if the Board is willing to meet all of their expenses, why not have Mr. Diven represent the Yukon Presbytery as Commissioner, which is indicated as agreeable both to yourself and Dr. Dixon. In this manner the Assembly will meet Diven's expenses out and the Board will be relieved of it. It will probably cost the Board less to meet Dr. and Mrs. Spence's expenses east and return, including their stay at Winona than to pay Diven's expense out from Nenana and back to Wrangel. Mrs. Diven is already in the states. Her expenses from the states to Wrangel will be to meet in any event.

Unless Diven represents Yukon as Commissioner this year he looses his opportunity by transfer to Alaska Presbytery.

If this arrangement is agreeable to you will you wire to Dr. Spence so stating. I have asked him to wire me in turn for the arrangements must be taken up with Diven as soon as possible in order that we may make plans for a meeting of the Presbytery as he passes through on his way out. It will be too small a margin if we depend upon the mails.

Very sincerely yours,

James H. Condit

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JUNEAU, ALASKA

January 26,1921

Rev. John A. Marquis,D.D.,
156 5th Avenue,
New York.

Dear Dr. Marquis:

I am compelled to trouble you with a personal matter.

Mrs. Condit has gradually lost the sight of one eye through cataract. So long as the vision of the other eye was normal an operation was not deemed advisable. But now the good eye seems to be following in the path of the other and an early operation seems imperative. This means a large expense and it is necessary that we make it as low as possible.

I write to ask what influence the Board could exercise in either the New York or Chicago Presbyterian Hospitals to get admission for Mrs. Condit upon such terms as could be extended under the circumstances. If it is possible to indicate approximately what the cost would be it would materially assist us in making our plans. Something must be done to relieve the situation because I do not now feel justified in leaving Mrs. C. alone while I go on my travels,and am only able to be absent this winter because my daughter is teaching in our local schools. She does not plan to be in Juneau another year.

Any assistance you may be able to give along this line will be very much appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

James H. Condit

PRESBYTERY OF ALASKA

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JUNEAU, ALASKA

January 27,1921

Rev. John A. Marquis,D.D.,

156 5th Avenue,

New York.

Dear Dr. Marquis:

In the effort to locate a doctor for Barrow I appealed to my brother, Dr. John C. Condit, of Oakland, Cal., and he advised me to send an appeal to the Deans of certain medical institutions with the request that they be posted on the Bulletin Board of the institution.

I have sent such an appeal to Stanford University, University of California, and University of Southern California, Medical Departments and also to the College of Medical Evangelists, situated at Loma Linda, California.
With this I enclose a copy of what I sent.

My brother also suggests that an advertisement be put in the Journal of the American Medical Association, a widely circulated periodical, 535 N. Dearborn St., Chicago, a leaf of which I enclose giving rates. It might bring results and is circulated among physicians already established in practice. I submit this to your own judgement.

Your letter of January 12th has just reached me. I am making inquiry of Liebes and Co., as to sailing dates of Hermann, etc., and will write you later regarding the best course for me to follow in serving the Board in northern shipments.

I had already written you regarding Miss Esther Gibson stating that of all the women I have met in association with Alaska workers she has the most nearly approached the ideal of consecration and zeal. She knows the native and loves him, dirt and all. The only drawback would be her age for she must be well up in 60. It would be advisable to determine definitely whether her physical strength is sufficient. If so she would be a fine character to place at Barrow.

Would it be advisable to post bulletins in eastern medical institutions similar to the ones I have sent? With the bulletin I sent a copy of the Hospital folder.

I have just written you regarding Dr. Spence.

Cordially,

James H. Condit

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James H. Condit, General Missionary,
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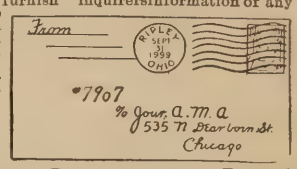

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January 28, 1921.

Rev. James H. Condit, D.D.,

Juneau, Alaska.

My dear Dr. Condit:-

We are hoping to take up Alaskan matters at a meeting of the Executive Council at a very early date. Budget matters have engaged our time very fully and very seriously. I am now writing to say that I have just returned to my office from a talk with Dr. Marquis, and we are agreed that it is very desirable to put the "Lois" in good condition. A check has been sent to me by Mr. Childs for $100. towards that expense. Now if the Presbytery is willing to take the risk of providing for the additional sum necessary to complete the repairs on the "Lois" out of its budget for next year, Dr. Marquis and I will agree that it will be safe for you to go ahead. It will be safe provided the Presbytery takes the full responsibility of the decision that whether the appropriation to the Presbytery be more or less for next year (and there is every probability that it will be less), they will take care of the item of repairs of the "Lois" whatever else may suffer.

Cordially yours,

JD/I.

February 1, 1921.

Rev. James H. Condit, D. D.,
Juneau,
Alaska.

Dear Dr. Condit:

We have your letters and one also from Dr. Buchanan in regard to the situation at Sitka. I have taken it up with the Woman's Board and Miss Voss, now the head of their educational work, who expects to go to Alaska just as soon as she can arrange it, though probably not until after the 1st of April. When she is there I think it would be best to talk over the whole matter of the school and the church there very thoroughly.

Mrs. Brady (widow of the ex-Governor) has been to see us and she thinks things have been going at loose ends at Sitka as well as elsewhere in South Eastern Alaska among the natives. I gather from her conversations with Dr. Dixon that her feeling is that these people have been neglected. She puts a rather high estimate on the value of the Native Brotherhood and thinks our missionaries ought to be in very sympathetic and close relationship to it. She told Dr. Dixon that in some places, notably Sitka, the natives are rapidly drifting into the Greek church, which is doing very little for them and is not equipped to do much. If this is the case I would suggest that you take pretty prompt and helpful measures to brush things up among the men who are working with the natives. I enclose a copy of the letter which Mrs. Brady has just written to Dr. Dixon and which contains many suggestions that ought to be considered, particularly one with reference to the Episcopal church. Do you think there will be any possibility of buying their church building altogether and their withdrawing from their work there? I am taking the building of a new church up with the Board of Church Erection, but the situation is not encouraging on account of the very radical cut the Executive Commission of the Assembly made in their asking for next year, as well as ours.

I also am enclosing copies of letters just received from Dr. Greist, Mr. Brown and Mr. Eide of Wales and Barrow. I like the tone of both Brown's and Greist's letters very much. What would you think of sending Greist to Point Barrow next year if we cannot get a satisfactory physician to go? You will notice that Eide suggests that in his letter.

We have been expecting to hear from you in regard to going to Seattle and possibly to San Francisco about supplies for Wales and Barrow. We have already engaged Liebes & Company to take up coal to Barrow. We do not want to put the whole burden on Mr. Gould again as he has had sufficient trouble with the Point Barrow Hospital at any rate. He is ready, however, to help you in every way he can.

While you are there also I wish you would do what you can to get a physician to go to Point Barrow. I would very much prefer a man from the Pacific Coast. He is much more likely to understand the situation and to be less dismayed in the face of hard conditions than a man from the East. Mr. Gould has written that he has several men in mind there and you might be able to find one that you think would do.

I am writing to Miss Gibson about going to Barrow as a nurse. In case she does not there is a devoted Christian woman here, a little over forty years of age, who wants to go, an excellent nurse, and also a daughter of the Rev. R. F. Sulzer Sunday School missionary from the State of Minnesota, thirty-eight years old, who wants to try it.

Let us hear from you soon in regard to your trip to Seattle.

Very sincerely yours,

JAM:HS

P. S. We understand that you received a copy of Mr. Brown's letter so will not enclose another one.

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Dear Dr. Condit:

Your letters came while I was laid up last week and then this week I have been attending committee meetings, so have not had opportunity to answer until now.

I am asking Mr. Banks to write you in regard to what he has done for provisioning our work at both Point Barrow and Wales. I will not undertake to go over the matter but he has already ordered 80 tons of coal for Point Barrow and 30 for Wales. I have taken up with him this morning the propriety of sending 20 more tons to Barrow in accordance with your letter.

In regard to the coal shed, Mr. Brown's letter (copy of which you already have) indicates to us that there will be ample fuel room in the basement of the hospital, which was our intention when the plans were drawn. The architect drew the basement with a view to making it a storage place as well as a furnace room. This will avoid the expense, and if after it is tried out a year it is not satisfactory we can send the shed at another time.

We have not yet secured from here a physician for Barrow. Mr. Gould, however, in a letter just received says he has two or three good men in Seattle who are considering the matter. We have written to Mr. Gould that when you come to Seattle you be put on the track of these men and then give us your judgment of their fitness. We will be ready to appoint any man you think will fill the bill. My attitude here is that inasmuch as you are responsible for the work in Alaska you ought to have a free hand in selecting the missionaries.

It will not be possible for the Board, even if we should get all the Executive Commission has assigned to us next year, to begin work at St. Lawrence Island. Neither will it be possible for us to build a hospital at Cape Prince of Wales, and from my recollection of the situation there I do not think we need erect an additional building. The church building is a large one and I have thought that may be by a little addition there sufficient room could be secured under the same roof for such medical work as may be needed. I would like to have your opinion on that.

In my letter to you of February 1st I enclosed copy of a letter from Dr. Greist which pleases me very much. Of course it is only his side of the case, but the thing that strikes me favorably is the spirit of the man. I think by all odds we ought to continue him there next year. Furthermore, it has occurred to me that in case you discover he has made good at Wales and also in case we cannot find anybody to go to Barrow that he be transferred there and in the absence of a physician we send a minister to Wales. This, of course, only on condition that we

absolutely fail in getting another man to go to Barrow. Having a hospital at Barrow it is absolutely imperative that we have a physician there. Of course I am not intimating anything of this kind to Dr. Greist.

In regard to furnishing food for the workers at Barrow, our custom has been that the missionary who lives in the manse provide his own food and clothing. The Board provides him with $2,000 salary (which may have to be increased to $2,500), free use of a house and his fuel, the last being the most expensive item. For the nurse the usual hospital equipment is provided, namely, salary of $75 a month and her home in the hospital, including board and room. Inasmuch as Eide is there as janitor and man of all work in the hospital and his wife is there as an assistant I presume they are entitled to the same accommodations. Eide ought to be on the ground all the time ato see that the furnaces and lighting system are in good repair. It is likely that he and the children there will be a good deal of a nuisance to the nurses, but we must have a man on the premises.

I have had a letter from Miss Esther Gibson who is ready to go to Point Barrow and is rather anxious to try it. However, her letter makes clear to me that she herself thinks she is too old. Her age is now sixty-seven years and she just asked the question, "Is it wise to send a woman as old as I am?" My own feeling is that it is not wise despite her long career of splendid service. We have another woman in mind here who has been to see me several times and has met Dr. Young and Dr. Dixon and others and of whose life we know something besides. She is Miss Florence Dakin and is a member of the Harlem Church here, a professional well-trained nurse and a devout Christian with the right missionary spirit. She has been a nurse in the home of Mr. Banks' brother who speaks in the highest terms of her Christian character. She satisfies us all in every way. She is forty-two years old and I have had two physicians go over her carefully and they pronounce her sound. She is strong just where Miss Jordan was weak, namely, in the desire to minister to the souls of those people. In view of her worth and of Miss Gibson's extreme age I would very much prefer her. However, I told her we would not likely be able to come to a decision before April 1st. She is reading everything she can get her hands on about that region and otherwise qualifying herself to go in case she is selected.

In regard to the medical equipment, instruments, medicine, and so on, they were sent with the hospital with the exception of the medical supplies which are to be supplied by the Government year by year. You might talk with Mr. Lopp in regard to that.

You are to use your own judgment in the purchase of necessary supplies, most of which for this year have already been provided. Mr. Banks has wired the Liebes Company to go ahead and furnish the coal.

In regard to Scherer's salary at Fairbanks, it is to be $2,000 a year and we have up to this time taken it for granted that the church would continue to do what it did with its last pastorate. This is probably where the difficulty lies. Mr. Banks has been paying him at the rate of $1,160 a year, assuming that the church was providing, as usual, $70 a month. It is true, Dr. Dixon tells me, that the church notified the Board that it could not do this any longer, but it seems to us that the people there ought not to lie absolutely down on the Board and do nothing. We, of course, will stand behind the entire $2,000 as far as Mr. Scherer is concerned, though we would prefer not to have the church know that until you or some independent party has made an investigation and determined how much, if any, the church ought to pay.

I do not know what Scherer means by the Board "saving its face," and with you I do not like the tone of his letter, but he will get older in time and we hope will learn something. Our contract for furnishing manses, as you know, only includes the heavier and more prominent furniture such as bedsteads, stoves, dining-room table, etc. We have had no report on the condition of the manse or what was in it beyond letters from you and Marple, and none of them have intimated that there was anything especially needed there. I trust this will make that clear.

In regard to Dr. Spence's coming to the Assembly, we are at present doubtful about the wisdom of it. There will not be much chance for him to address the Assembly inasmuch as missionary addresses under the new rules have been practically abandoned, giving the time almost entirely to the chairmen of the standing committees. We may, however, be able to arrange a program of speaking for him and Mrs. Spence during the summer in some of the country churches, and if we can we will have him come with the understanding that he is to stay East during the summer. The city churches are dry fields in the summer time.

In regard to Dr. Spence undertaking work in South Eastern Alaska, you will have to be the judge of that. If you think he is fitted why, of course, the Board will approve your selection.

I think this covers the points raised in your letter.

Very sincerely yours,

JAM:ES

P. S. The Board has made Dr. William R. Patterson Custodian of Buildings. In view of this I wish you would prepare an inventory of all our properties in Alaska, stating the following:

1st: Their location, character and values.

2nd: Their condition, whether repairs are needed, etc.

3rd: Their furniture. This has special reference to the manses, itemizing the amount of furniture in each manse and so on.

4th: Your recommendations with reference to the building program for the future.

February 14, 1921.

Rev. James H. Condit, D.D.,

Juneau, Alaska.

My dear Dr. Condit:-

I am enclosing a memorandum from Mr. Eastman who has charge of our literature. I think his request needs no word of interpretation or even comment from me. Of course, you can not make reply by March first, but kindly send it to us with such request as may seem proper to you by as early a date as convenient.

There has been no literature published in recent years on the work in Alaska, with the exception of the folder on the work at Point Barrow. I enclose a copy of it.

Cordially yours,

Enclosure-

JD/I.

February 14, 1921.

Rev. James A. Condit, D. D.,
Juneau,
Alaska.

Dear Dr. Condit:

We have been looking up hospital facilities in this region to see if we could help out in the care of Mrs. Condit's eyes. The Presbyterian Hospital, both here and in Philadelphia, are crowded to the limit and rooms are engaged far in advance. However, we could fix things so as to get Mrs. Condit in when she comes. The reduction, however, they could make to you in rates would not near balance the additional expense in getting here from Seattle or San Francisco.

I think you would find it more economical and satisfactory if you could have the cataract removed in Seattle. I have no doubt that they have ample facilities there. However, if you wish me to make arrangements for you here either in New York or in Philadelphia, or at the Presbyterian Hospital at Pittsburgh, I shall be glad to do my best. I am exceedingly sorry she is so afflicted and hope and pray that the operation through which she will have to go will be successful. I understand it is not a serious one and does not involve long hospital experience.

Very sincerely yours,

JAM:ES

February 14, 1921.

Dr. John C. Condit,
5494 College Avenue,
Oakland, California.

My dear Dr. Condit:

I have just received, through your brother, my good friend Dr. J. H. Condit, your check for $10 to be used in support of our hospital at Point Barrow, and contributed by the Chinese Presbyterian Church at Oakland. While sending you the receipt I want to personally, and also in behalf of the Board, thank the brethren of the Chinese Church for their thoughtfulness. It is truly a very fine testimony to their Christian spirit that they think of the neglected people in the far North. Hereafter we shall always have a warm and tender interest for that little church and its Sunday School.

Assuring them of our thanks and prayers, I am

Very sincerely yours,

JAM:ES

A L A S K A

The Rev.Dr.James Hays Condit, General Missionary

"Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." It is now conclusively demonstrated that "Seward's Ice Box" holds vast treasure in its coldstorage vaults. The Department of Commerce and Customs, in its report for 1916, states that between the years 1868 and 1917, a period of 49 years, the shipment of Alaska products amounted to the enormous sum of $668,794,401. The argument of its riches has had its effect on the hard and stony heart of the National Government. The hope deferred of many who have had visions of a great future for this Northland, whose hearts have been made sick by Government indifference, is now reviving.

We now have a recognized Territorial organization; our Legislature is in session at the time of the writing of this report; its Educational Committees have been authorized,within the month, to formulate and put into operation a system of public schools - a right denied the preceding Legislature; the final court of appeal has affirmed the right of the Territory to raise necessary revenue by taxation upon various industries; and, perhaps most significant of all in its bearing upon the future, is the rapid development of the Government Railroad project, with over 100 miles already in operation, which when completed will make available the undeveloped resources of the great interior.

The most significant advance in morals during the year has been the enactment of a "bone-dry" Prohibition law. While not empowered to enact laws affecting liquor interests, the Alaska Legislature, at its session two years ago, ordered a referendum vote taken in November, 1916. Fortunately this was also the time appointed for the election of a delegate to Congress. Practically the full vote of the Territory was polled. Probably the most ardent friend of Prohibition failed in his forecast of the results. By an almost two-thirds vote, the people of Alaska declared against the saloon. Congress promptly ratified the expressed will of the people by enacting a bone-dry law, which becomes effective January 1,1918.

In the formation of public sentiment and in the other activities of the campaign

our Missionaries had an active part. One of the greatest obstacles to Mission work, especially among the natives, passes with this passing of the saloon.

The Missionary Progress of the year may be best presented by a brief survey of the several stations.

PRESBYTERY OF YUKON

Point Barrow. Last summer, Dr.and Mrs.F.H.Spence completed their first year at Barrow. Writing under date of August 15, 1916, the last mail from this isolated place, the Doctor says: "We have had a very pleasant, happy, prosperous year." It is truly inspiring to have this evidence of the joy of service under conditions of solitude which would depress any but the child of the King who is "about his Father's business". Probably no other such report will be offered to the Assembly this year as comes from "the church farthest north". The questions in the Annual Narrative of Christian Life and Work are thus answered:

Q.What is the membership of your church? A. Two hundred and eighty one.

Q. How many preaching services on the Lord's Day? A. Two

Q. What is the average attendance? A. One hundred and seventy five.

Q. To what extent are the children and youth present? A. All there.

Q. What is the average attendance of non-members? A. No non-members.

Q. Have you a weekly prayer-meeting? A. Yes.

Q. What is the average attendance? A. One hundred and seventy five.

Q. How many adult Bible-classes have you? A. Five.

Q. What is the total membership? A. Eighty.

Q. What special interest has there been in the congregation during the year?
A. None; the interest is general all the time.

Q. What means are being used to revive and maintain family worship?

A. None; they maintain it without.

Fairbanks. The past year has been the most prosperous in the history of this mission. In the amounts given to benevolence and in attendance at all services, large increases are reported. After four years of service, the Rev. George G.Bruce and wife have been transferred from Fairbanks to Juneau. To fill the vancancy thus caused, volunteers for interior work were fortunately at hand in the persons of the Rev.and Mrs.Wallace S.Marple, who in March traveled all the way from Hammonton, N.J., to Fairbanks, going in over the trail. Both in gifts and in graces, these Missionaries are peculiarly fitted to take up work in this important place.

Ruby. Excepting our own, no minister of any denomination is to be found within 200 miles of Ruby, which has been vacant during the winter. There are some 800 to 1,000 people in the town and on the nearby creeks. The Home Board is now in correspondence with a seminary graduate of this year, who will probably be commissioned for this work.

Anchorage continues to be the imprtant town of the Government Railroad. It has a population of 5,000, a water system, electric lights, telephones, a daily paper and business houses of all kinds. Yet, three years ago, when the General Missionary made a visit to the mouth of Ship Creek, there was not a house on the twon site, which was then covered with a birch forest. Here the Rev.J.L.McBride has continued his effective ministry during the year. In the heart of the little city a fine new church has been dedicated and a comfortable manse built. The influence of the church is felt throughout the community.

Matanuska Junction. In this town of 200 people, built last summer, 36 miles out from Anchorage, the Rev.John L.Hughes has made his headquarters, from which he has reached a large tract of country. There are some 200 homesteaders in the Matanuska Valley, to whom, as well as to the miners and railroad employeees, Mr.Hughes ministers, traveling many miles by rail, on foot and by dog-team.

Cordova. The work here under the leadership of the Rev.A.G.Shriver has grown in importance and interest. Because of the commercial prominence of this section

(due in large part to the unprecedented production of copper from the great Kennicott Mine, but also to the establishment of salmon and clam canneries) there has been a marked increase in population. The church, with its missions of Chittina, McCarthy and Kennicott, is reaching forth to supply the treasure which and rust cannot corrupt.

Nenana. Sixty miles down the Tanana River from Fairbanks, a new railroad town has sprung into existence at Nenana, where in 1914 there was but a trading post and a single family. During the past winter 1,000 people have lived in this town, where they now have a newspaper, restaurants, hotel and lodging houses and stores. No minister has yet been placed here to serve their spiritual interests; but the Home Board is now corresponding with one of this year's seminary graduates, expecting to commission him to this work. This is a most promising field for Mission work. It is expected that, because of the activity in railroad construction and of the commercial importance due to nearby coal deposits, a large town will soon be built up here.

Bristol Bay. Attention is again called to the spiritual destitution of the Bristol Bay region, which our Board has again found it impossible to enter because of lack of money. The Bureau of Education plans to establish a hospital at Kanakanak the coming summer. There being an excellent opportunity for the establishment of a mission at the same place, the Bureau offers to cooperate in the enterprise. In this section, for the past year, there has been neither priest nor preacher, and 1700 Esquimaux have been left without the uplifted Christ. How soon will the reporach of such neglect be removed from the Presbyterian Church? Surely, in the midst of the unprecedented prosperity of the East, there must be some man of means willing to provide the money necessary to send a Missionary to Bristol Bay.

PRESBYTERY OF ALASKA

A number of transfers have been effected during the year.

Sitka. The Rev.Robert A.Buchanan is now in charge at Sitka, which because of its relation to the Sheldon Jackson School is one of the most important missions in Southeastern Alaska. A large number of additions are reported here, mainly from the school. From every native village representatives are to be found among the 150 children now being educated at Sitka. The influence of the graduates is being felt everywhere for good.

Hoonah. The Rev.George Beck has taken charge here, following the Rev.George Good, who is no longer in the Alaska work. With characteristic zeal, Mr. and Mrs. Beck are attacking the problems met in this large and backward village. Because of delay by the Bureau of Education in adjusting educational matters at Anggon, the establishment of a mission there has not seemed advisable. With the aid of the mission-boat Lois, Mr.Beck will continue to visit this field in connection with his other work.

Haines. The Rev.E.L.Winterberger and wife have continued during the year their effective work at Haines. The farm enterprise is progressing encouragingly. There is every prospect of success in reaching the purpose of making the farm support the mission.

Juneau. This is the capital of the Territory, and has become a large and prosperous town in the center of a great gold-bearing belt. Here the Rev.J.B. Stevens, after a pastorate of seven and a half years, has been compelled by ill-health to resign. His faithful work will long be remembered. To fill the vacancy, the Rev.George G.Bruce has been called from Fairbanks. With every encouragement he enters upon a work which promises to be most fruitful. A general reorganization of the work along all lines is projected. A very thorough Every Member Canvass has been undertaken this year, and the Duplex system of church finances has been adopted. It is the confident expectation that this church will soon come to self-support.

The Native Church at Juneau, under the leadership of the Rev.David Waggoner, has just had the best year of its history. For the first time, this church now has a Session and a complete organization. Mrs.Waggoner has organized a W.C.T.U., the first in Alaska to be composed of native women. Problems in village sanitation and morals are being vigorously attacked, and great adavancement appears along the lines of civic righteousness.

Thane. The mission here has been attached to the white work at Juneau, a Sundsy-school being maintained under the direction of the Pastor of the Northern Light Church. It is hoped that this work may yet be developed into a separate church.

Skagway. During the period of decline a few years ago, what was once a self-supporting Presbyterian church here was transferred to the Methodists. The work now returns to the Presbyterians. A Presbyterian organization is soon to be effected, with the Rev.L.H.Pederson, former minister of the Methodist church, in charge. Recently Mr.Andrew Stevenson, formerly prominent in religious movements in Chicago, has established business relations in Skagway, where his influence and that of his business associates assures the continued success of our work so auspiciously reestablished.

Kake. Now vacant because of the removal of Mr.Beck. It is hoped that a consecrated man may soon be found to take up this important native work.

At Ketchikan, Saxman and Loring, and in adjacent territory, the Rev.Edward Marsden has had an unusually busy year. Much of his time is given to Metlakahtla, where his native people, the tsimpseans, have been adjusting themselves to the Government's new regime, patiently working out their new and trying problems.

At Wrangell the prominent feature of the year's work has been Bible study. Under the leadership of the Rev.J.S.Clark, much interest in the study of the World has been manifested in both white and native churches.

On the West Coast of Prince of Wales Island three missions have been sustained for a number of years. Now, because of a decline in population, it seems necessary to close the work at Craig. This will remove the Rev.J.N.Coker from the working

force, after several years of excellent service.

Hydaburg. Under the leadership of the Rev.J.L.Howe, the Hydaburg people have entered enthusiastically into the building enterprise, and will soon complete one of the most attractive church edifices in Alaska. The lumer has been sawed out in the mill owned and operated by the natives. The finish is to be in native yellow cedar, taken from t e surrounding forest.

Klawock is one of the best organized native churches in the Presbytery. The Rev.F.E.Bromley has served throughout the year with fidelity and success. He plans to follow his people throughout the summer to their fishing camps and canneries, holding services from place to place.

Klukwan. The Rev.~~xxxx~~ Fred.Falconer retains his place in the affections of the natives he has served so long. He proposed transferring to another field, but the remonstrance of the people was so genuine and sincere that he deciddd to remain with them.

With great effectiveness, the Rev.Dr.S.Hall Young has continued his service as the Special Representative of the Baord of Home Missions. Like Paul of old, his name is in all the churches. With a zeal that puts many a younger man to shame, he has visited the churches of the entire country, presenting the claims of Alaska in eloquent appeal and arousing interest and support wherever he goes.

These are epoch-making days in Alaska. Along with the laying of material foundations for the ~~xxxxxx~~ State or States of Alaska eventually to ask admission to the sisterhood of States, there comes the supreme obligation of establishing the pillars of righteousness. This is the function of the Church and its Home Mission Board. Help us occupy "the last frontier".

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February 16, 1921.

TERRITORY OF ALASKA
JAMES H. CONDIT, D. D., GENERAL MISSIONARY
JUNEAU, ALASKA

Rev. John Dixon,
156 Fifth Ave.,
New York,
N. Y.

Re: Repairs to "Lois".

My Dear Dr. Dixon:

Your letter of January 28th relative to the overhauling of the "Lois" is at hand. After consultation with Messrs. Bruce and Waggoner, of the Home Mission Committee of Alaska Presbytery, the conclusion has been reached not to proceed with the proposed repairs beyond such items as may be taken care of by Mr. Childs' $100.00.

The Home Mission Committee is not willing to take the responsibility of providing for this expense with a probability of causing some other interest to suffer because of insufficient appropriation. It will be the plan of the Home Mission Committee to include such amount as is necessary for fully overhauling the "Lois" in its estimate for next year. In the meantime, the "Lois" will have to wait final action as to the coming appropriation.

Sincerely yours,

James H. Condit

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February 23,1921

Rev. John Dixon,D.D.,
156 5th Avenue,
New York.

My dear Dr. Dixon:

I herewith enclose the estimate for the Presbytery of Yukon as nearly as I am able to prepare it.

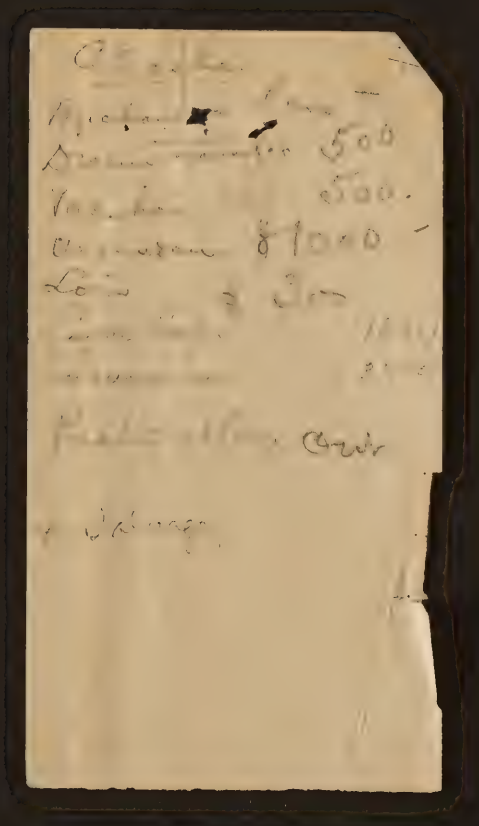
Especially will it need your scrutiny in regard to the expenditures at Barrow regarding whidh I have little definite information.

No requisitions have come to me from either Barrow or Wales although I have asked for estimates to be sent at the earliest possible date.

The Presbytery, being of such a location, must necessarily be made an exception to ordinary rules and regulations,and especially must not be held rigidly to this estimate because of the impossibility of being exact.

Sincerely yours,

James H. Condit



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JUNEAU, ALASKA

February 23,1921

Rev. John A. Marquis,D.D.,
156 5th Avenue,
New York.

Dear Dr. Marquis:

This letter is in answer to your communication of February 1st. I am writing in haste as many things are to be cared for before I leave for Seattle in the morning. My address in Seattle will be "Frye Hotel". your letter of February 11th, just received, I will answer from Seattle.

Could you let m e know,when Miss Voss decides upon her Alaskan trip,about the time that she will be in Juneau on her way to Sitka. I am anxious to see her and to talk over the Sitka situation.

I have read Mrs. Brady's letter of January 21st, addressed to Dr. Dixon, and copy of which you sent me. Her suggestion as to close co-operation by the missionaries with the Na tive Brotherhood is good. On the other hand the Brotherhood just now has fallen into the hands of two agitators, William and Louis Paul, sons of a former worker at Sitka, Mrs. Tillie Paul (now Tamaree). These two men, brothers, are urging the abandonment of the Bureau of Education schools and the forced admission of native children to Territorialwhite schools. The movement is untimely and has aroused much bitterness among the white people. If the Brotherhood follows these leaders much of the good which the movement ought to accomplish will be nullified. William Paul was educated at our Presbyterian college at Tacoma, now at Spokane. He also took two years in the San Francisco seminary. married a white girl, and abandoned the ministry. He has recently been admitted to the bar in Alaska and is now threatening to take this school matter to the courts and appeal to higher courts if necessary. All this is exceedingly unfortunate from the view point of the interests of the natives themselves and I believe that most of our missionari es, if not all, will take this view of the situation. It must affect their relations to the Brotherhood, more or less, but I am confident that they will prove valuable advisers to the natives ibn this real crisis in their relations to the white people of the Territory.

If there is a drift to the Greek church in Sitka that is the only place in Alaska where such is the case and I do not believe that it is true there. Mrs. Brady, in my opinion, is not altogether a safe adviser in these matters. She did not agree with the school (Sheldon Jackson) people very well nor with our missionary at Sitka. Naturally she lives in the past and is prejudiced in favor of the good old days. However, her suggestions are worthy of attention.

The Episcopal property at Sitka consists of a beautiful little stone church, near to our mission tract, and a splendid stone house which was erected for a Bishop's residence. It represents a large outlay of money. I do not know whether the prpperty is for sale or not but whether it is or not it is too far out of the town to be of value as a white church and too far from the native

native village to be of service as a native church. It is too small for the latter purpose, also. The plan of the Sitka people is to build a church on the site of the present white church large enough to accomodate both native and white congregations. The site is ideal for the purpose and I believe that if Mrs. Brady understood the present plan she would not say that a church building is not now necessary. It is necessary and very essential to successful work at Sitka. I very sincerely hope that the Board of Church Erection may favorably act upo upon the request for a grant when it comes.

I have read with interest the letters of Dr. Greist and of the Eides — copies of which you sent to me. I would not send Greist to Barrow unless as a last resort. It is true that he has apparently done excellent work at Wales although we have no word as yet but his own. Also, his letters indicate a very good spirit now, but his physical disability and his unsavory record in connection with the divorce matter would indicate that he be not put in a place of so great prominence as Barrow if we can find any one else. However, failing elsewhere, that might be necessary. I hope not.

There are several things which have come up in connection with Dr. Spence's administration which greatly puzzle me. For instance Eide, in the letter which you furnished to me. speaks of the 20 some sacks of coal which the doctor loaned last winter to the trader! In his letters the doctor told a pitiful story of living in one room for lack of fuel. Of course it might have been a necessity of the case that he should loan coal to the trader but he certainly did not tell any one that he had done so.

I may say just here that it is the doctor's turn to go to the Assembly and that he wants to exercise his privilege of representation. I would like very much to see Diven go but if Spence asks for it, or rather if he continues to ask for it, I think we will have to send him. He will undoubtedly be expecting to represent the Barrow situation at the Assembly. It might be advisable to instruct him before hand as to the lack of opportunity which will be afforded under present rules for his appearance in connection with popular meetings or otherwise, in so far as the new rules apply to his case. I have been writing him that the Board would likely want him at the Assembly and that in such case it would be his privilege to be there whether Commissioner or not and so the way would vbe open for Diven to go as Commissioner.

I will do all I can to find a doctor for Barrow when in Seattle and in San Francisco, should I find it necessary to go there.

In a recent letter from the missionary at Klawock, where Miss Gibson last served, is the statement that in his opinion she is good for ten years of service. She is an unusually well preserved woman and her other qualifications, and especially her 25 years experience in work among the Alaska natives, seem to me to make it important that we carefully consider whether she may not be the woman for the place. She is a Scotch -Irish Presbyterian of splendid Christian character. There are none better.

I have thus taken up two items of your letter of February 11th. They seem to press for immediate reply.

Cordially yours,

James A. Condit

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GENERAL MISSIONARY
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Juneau, Alaska, Feb. 23, 1921.

Rev. John Dixon, D.D.
New York.

Dear Dr. Dixon:--The Home Mission Committee has carefully gone over the estimates for the Presbytery for the coming year and hereby submit them to your consideration. You will find them enclosed.

I shall append the following explanations which will be sufficient, I trust, for their complete understanding.

An estimate of $900 was put in for Kasaan as the people there desire a worker. It is the plan to see if it will be possible to combine the missionary and school teacher and have the Board of education furnish half of the salary. This plan has been suggested by a member of the Board up here, and also may be the solution for the Klukwan field, since that field cannot be served from Haines, as you will well know from the report of the late visit of the General Missionary to Haines and an unsuccessful attempt to arrive at Klukwan.

The natives at Sitka have not raised the $100 promised to Rev. Buchanan and it looks like he would lose that amount for the past year's services. He can ill afford it. The Committee thought it wise to ask for an additional hundred for him to make the full salary of $1600 since the natives will not be able to promise anything for next year. The salmon industry prospects are very dark for this summer.

Rev. Bromley ask for $1500 for the purchase of a boat which he says can be purchased for that amount. The old one is completely gone and would best be sold for what it may bring. Should he have no boat much of his time that could be employed to good advantage will be lost to the cause he wishes to serve.

The pipe asked for for Kake is to bring the water from a spring to the house at that station. The same is much needed.

As the Committee has received no answers from the final correspondence sent in about pastor-at-large it is taken for granted by the Committee that it will be favored. An item has been put in of $1,800 for salary and $500 for travel and maintenance for Rev. David Waggoner who was elected for that office if the Board approves. The men are pleased in the prospect of having more to say in the affairs of the Alaska presbytery.

HOME MISSION COMMITTEE
AND
VACANCY AND SUPPLY

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REV. E. L. WINTERBERGER, HAINES, ALASKA
REV. DAVID WAGGONER, JUNEAU, ALASKA

PRESBYTERY
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REV. DAVID WAGGONER,
JUNEAU, ALASKA
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REV. JAMES H. CONDIT, D. D.
GENERAL MISSIONARY
JUNEAU, ALASKA

The committee is at a loss to find out why the plans of the Board and Committee were set aside by the General Missionary as concerns the vacation of the Chairman of the Committee. Rev. Denton and the Helper at Haines was ordered home by the General Missionary before the expiration of the time agreed upon by the Board and Committee here. Perhaps you can throw some light on the matter. A report is to be given at the coming meeting of presbytery and the men will desire to know what will be the status in the future about vacations.

Your letter of Feb 10th concerning uneducated Indian helpers and the method proposed of their possible education for service as needed is most encouraging. However I note you say "in my judgment." We were in hopes such would be the judgment of the Council as this has been in the minds of the committee for years but they were ever opposed by those in authority over them. I hope some plan can yet be worked out; the vacant fields need even now just such good men as we might be able to find to tide them over the interim of finding a permanent missionary.

We know you have a great problem before you in endeavoring to make the cloth stretch over the rent in the needs for the next year, and the Committee and men of the Presbytery will remember you before Him who knows our needs and will supply them all as He sees best.

With kindest regards from the Committee I am

Very cordially yours,

Geo G Bruce

Chairman Home Mission Committee
Presbytery of Alaska.

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PRESBYTERY OF YUKON
JAMES H. CONDIT
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TERRITORY OF ALASKA
JAMES H. CONDIT, D. D., GENERAL MISSIONARY
JUNEAU, ALASKA

February 23,1921

Rev. John A. Marquis,D.D.,
156 5th Avenue,
New York.

Dea r Doctor Marquis:

You asked me in your letter of October 29th, last, to write more in detail my ideas as to the enlargement of my powers from that of "General Missionary"to that of Superintendent of Alaska Missions.

There are four present functions which I have assumed as pertaining to my present office and the last two have been called in question, at least by implication, in my argument with the Home Mission Committee of Alaska Presbytery of last year.

1. Care and control, as trustee, of the Board's Alaska property, and legal power of attorney in buying and selling. The latter is required by the laws of the Territory.
2. Supervision of grants, with responsibility for expenditure of the same.
3. Initiation of new work including survey of unoccupied territory.
4. Supervision of existing work.

Regarding the first two functions not much needs to be said. I have at present the o-kaying of requisitions of men on the field,pertaining to matters other than salaries. This I believe I should continue to do as it offers a check here on the field with respect to small expenditures.

My understanding is that it will be my province to work in connection with the Treasurer and Doctor Patterson as representative on the field in the care of property and distribution of appropriations. I should be given authority to act at first hand for the Board in matters of leases, sale of property, etc.,etc.,so far as a proper supervision permits.

I believe that as Superintendent of Alaska work it should devolve upon me to make surveys of ter ritory proposed for occupany and to have the charge of initiating new work. So long as the Board furnishes the money for all new work it should certainly say when and where new work shall be undertaken. While the Home Mission Committees of the Presbyteries may properly investigate and advise it will always be impossible for them to investigate at first hand because of the time and expense necessary to such investigations. The Missionary Superintendent wod should be the agent of both Board and Committees in this work.

As to the supervision of existing work my position is that of the Board as heretofore expressed, viz, the right of supervision up to the extent of the support which the Board gives. While recognizing the right of any Presbytery through its Home Mission Committee to direct work which it supports and its advisory capacity under any conditions, it is absurd to maintain that Home Mission Committees

in Presbyteries where practically all the ministers receive all their support from the Board are in a position to function without prejudice in matters pertaining to appropriations and direction of work. The Board should exercise a large measure of control in such conditions and that control would properly be exercised through a superintendent acting for the Board. Such a superintendent should be at all times in touch and sympathy with the field and local Committee and express their opinions and wishes fairly but he should be under the direction of the Board alone and responsible to the Board only.

It has been suggested by the Presbytery of Alaska that a Presbyterial Pastor at Large be commissioned. Should such an office be created said Pastor at Large ought to be under the direction of the Superintendent of Missions. To commission such an agent to be under the direction of the Home Mission Committee of the Presbytery would be to invite friction in administration and to divide the field of responsibility which should in my judgement pertain to the Superintendent alone.

While a faithful pastor-at-large would find a considerable field for his service, especially in evangelistic work and supplying vacant fields, and while from the nature of the case the Superintendency of the work means less time for pastoral duties and more time in office work, still, it is not clear to me that the Presbytery of Alaska offers a field large enough to warrant the Board in commissioning a man for this specific duty.

According to a comparatively recent ruling of the Board the quarterly reports of the missionaries are to be issued in duplicate and one copy sent to the General Missionary. As Superintendent I should certainly have the data included in these reports, in order to keep at hand the information necessary to judging of the fidelity of the missionaries and their value in service. Some of the missionaries have failed to send me their quarterly reports. If made Superintendent I would ask that directions to this end be again sent to all the man. I would also suggest the advisability of sending enough blanks to each man to provide for duplicate reports to be sent to me.

You have suggested that I have a part in the selection of men. I believe that it would be to the advantage of the Board if every man proposed for work in Alaska should be personally visited by some representative of the Board before being commissioned. I know from experience how hard it is to get an unbiassed opinion as to men and also have witnessed a good number of failures of men sent at great expense to the Board who should never have been started to Alaska. While it would cost a considerable sum of money for me to go from Alaska to investigate men proposed for this work I believe that the Board would in the end profit financially by such a procedure. If impractcable for me to go east on such a mission some one in the east should see men personally. If the candidates arein the west I believe that I ought to be sent to investigate. In all instances as Superintendent I should have opportunity to investigate and pass upnn all men proposed for Alaska.

Finally, my idea of the office of Superintendent of Alaska Missions is that of the Board's representative on the field. The office should furnish the link of connection between the field and New York. The Superintendent should not only be tne agent of the Board on the field but also the mouth piece of the Board in large measure. It is also advisable that he meet with the Board in New York as occasion may permit or needs demand.

i.e. creation of office of Superintendent

If action is taken to this end, I would ask that notification of the Board's action be sent to all men on the field.

Cordially yours,

James H. Conait

MAR 5- 1921

PRELIMINARY DETAIL BUDGET I

Presbyterian Board of Home Missions

File

Department .....

Schedule Number .....

Presbytery .....

Synod .....

List here all items charged to particular Presbyteries except Field Men. Put only one item on each line.

* Field	Classification	Grade	Recommended for promotion by Survey?	Name of Person or Item	If other than salary item ignore these columns: Position	7 year plan in force or agreed to	Present Salary (Mark M if with free use of house)	Proposed Salary	Grant Asked	Grant Approved
Barrow				Eide, salary					1000	
				" maintenance					1000	
				Nurse, salary					750	?
				" maintenance					750	?
				Doctor, salary					2000	?
				Hospital, food					500	?
				" fuel					6000	
				Drugs	(Carlson 200)					
Anchorage				W.S.Marple					1400	
Wales				H.F.Greist, M.D.					2000	
				Buildings						
				Supplies 500						
				Labor 150					650	
				Interpreter					180	
St Lawrence Id									2000	
Cordova				Rev. R.S.Nickerson					1700	
Nenana										
Fairbanks				Rev. Fred Scherer					2000	
				Travel expense					100	
									22030	
							Strike			
				General						
Dr. S.H.Young				Salary	Superintendent				~~3000~~	
J.H.Condit				"					2500	
"				Travel and office					500	
Manse furniture									500	
News Letter				(Yukon one-half)					100	
Special fund				Unexpected emerg.					300	
Presbytery				Travel, to meeting					100	
Travel				Missionaries in						
				and out	Cut				~~1800~~	
									~~8300~~	
				Total estimated expense,	$30,830					

Note: See other side for statement of Classifications and Grades.

*** If a minister for whom a grant is asked serves more than one church, give name of each.**

CLASSIFICATION

I. City over 5,000

II. Town—2,500-5,000

III. Village—250-2,500

- a. Non-agricultural industry
- b. Agricultural industry

IV. Rural—

- a. Non-agricultural
- b. Agricultural

A.—American population served—white

N.—Negro population served

I.—Indian population served

F.—Foreign population served

S.—Some special industrial group other than farmers served (as Lumberjacks)

GRADES

A.—Promising Field

- 1—Prospects of self-support
- 2—Strategic service opportunity

B.—Problematic Field

- 1.—Uncertainties of community development
- 2.—Denominational responsibility uncertain

C.—Field to be relinquished

- 1—Should be self-supporting
- 2—Work should be dropped

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Explahatory to Yukon Estimate

1. Barrow:

(1) I assume that the present arrangement with Eide, viz, $1,000 salary, with maintenance, holds for another year.
This salary includes the services of Mrs. Eide as assistant nurse and interpreter.

(2) I take it for granted that the nurse is to receive one-half the amount assigned for "Two nurses" last year, with her maintenance.

(3) I assume that the doctor is to receive a flat salary and to provide his own waintenance as did Dr. Spence. The exception is the fuel which I understand comes out of the general allowance.

(4) I assume that medicines have been fully supplied with other hospital equipment, instruments, bedding, linen, etc,,etc.,and here estimate the food for patients.
The $6000 for fuel includes all needed for the mission

2. Wales:
(1) I assume that Dr. Greist is to provide his own maintenance
(2) The "supplies" listed means building materials necessary for completing repairs on manse and church as well as for food for patients
The labor is for assistance in making building repairs, handling freight from the beach,etc.,etc.
(3) The allowance for interpreter is important as the interpreter is in a way an assistant to the missionary

3. Cordova:

This church may be able to increase the amount raised locally for pastor's support and if so will report the additional amount raised for this purpose.

4. Nenana:

No allowance is asked for missionary here this year as the condition of the place does not warrant putting a man there this summer. But it is the earnest hope of the Presbytery that by another year conditions will change so that a man will again be needed and if so an appropriation for salary will be asked for next year. The Fairbanks missionary is asked to supply at Nenana as he is able, for the present.

5. Fairbanks:

A travel allowance of $100 is asked to pay the expenses of Mr. Scherer in visiting Nenana.

General

1. News Letter
While this quarterly letter could not be arranged for by the General Missionary this year he hopes to publish such another year and each Presbytery is asked to include One-half of the expense in its estimate.

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JUNEAU, ALASKA

March 5,1921

Rev, John A. Marquis,D.D.,
156 5th Avenue, New York,

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Dear Dr. Marquis:

There were a few items of your letter of February 11, which I did not answer in my communication of a few days ago from Seattle, I am now in Oakland, California and on next Monday will take up the supply business for Barrow and Wales,

Beyond a few items which were needed for building, and other shortages as reported by Dr. Greist in his letters of this winter,I am not in a position to order now for Wales as the doctor is responsible for his own personal supplies. Some time since I asked him to get out his requisition as soon as possible but no wrd has come as yet, It will therefore benbecessary to ship such supplies from Seattle later on. I can take this up with the wholesalers there later on and Mr. Gould will see that the shipment gets away on the first freighter leaving for Teller this coming summer. If I do not go north this summer the doctor will have to assume the responsibility of getting his goods from Teller to Wales.

I am also somewhat at a loss to know how to act in the matter of supplies for the doctor at Barrow as he also is supposed to furnish his personal supplies, I have concluded to order enough of the staples to provide for the doctor and his wife and to advise that when selected and commissioned he be notified that staples had already been sent and that he would be expected to pay his proportion of the cost of the same, Also, that he should consult the list which had been sent up, copy of which I will have sent to Mr. Banks, and add to the same any articles which he personally desired, these to go Teller by first freighter and be picked up there by one of the Liebes boats. I am going to authorize Liebes Co, to pick up our frieght wherever they may find it this summer and take it to Barrow. Hereafter, and as long as they give satisfaction, I think it will be better to have theunderstanding that they handle our Barrow freight and to charge them with the responsibility of looking after it.

Regarding the coal shed I am rather of the opinion that Mr, Brown did very little excavating for foundation and that in consequence there is little room for coal in the basement but in this I may be mistaken. I will cancel the order for the galvanized shed which Mr. Banks had ordered as by your instructions,

The doctors whom Mr. Gould hoped to find have not materialized. I have no one yet. Today I have wired to Dr. E.D,Campbell, formerly in charge at St. Lawrence Island asking him if he would

(E.D. Campbell.)

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consider appointment to Barrow and if so to wire me here. I do not have much hope that he will go as they have a young child but I do not know here else to turn. The condition is becoming serious. Should you find a man I wish you would wire me to that effect at Frye Hotel, Seattle, up to to March 15th, I plan to return to Juneau after that date as soon as I can get a boat unless there is some farther reason for my remaining in Seattle. If I fail to find a mn here I will let you know from Seattle and wewill then have to decide what to do regarding Dr. Greist,

In regard to a hospital building at Wales I gree with you that some modification of the church can probably be made to fill the need and I considerit inadvisable to consider a building there now.

I feel that it would be inadvisable to open the way for Dr. Spence in S.E.Alaska, as, because of his age it is not likely that he coukd fi llany available vacancies ther,,

When I return to my office at Juneau I will prepare the inventory of buildings in Alaska for Dr. Patterson, since I must have access to my files in order to furnish the needed information.

It is my plan to reach Seattle by the end of next wek unless I am delayed in the search for a man for Barrow.

Sincerely yours,

James H. Condit

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ESTIMATES from ALASKA presbytery. Sheet No 2.

Field	Items boat and travel	Manse repair	Miscel.	
Ketchikan	$150	$125	Rent and maintenance	$195
Bayview	100	225	~~New boat~~	~~1500~~
Kake	100	40	Water pipe	60
Juneau-native	75			
Hoonah	600	25	Films	~~100~~ Out
			Maintenance	~~130~~ Out
Presbytery	175			
Unexpected repairs		150		
News Letter				100
	$1200	$565		$2135

Total for sheet 2 $ 3900
" " " 1 21460
Total of estimate 25360

Geo L Bruce

Chairman Home Mission Committee
Presbytery of Alaska.

FIRE PROOF CABLE ADDRESS: TELFRYE EUROPEAN
MAR 21 1921

SEATTLE'S NEWEST AND LARGEST HOTEL

HOTEL FRYE

DAN W. HASS AND P. H. WATT
MANAGERS

SEATTLE

March 15, 1921

Rev J. A. Marquis, D.D.
156 Fifth Avenue, N.Y.

Dear Dr Marquis:

Dr Spencer has sent me a copy of his letter to you of March 1st. Please let me know if it is still your thought that he come east later than time of Assembly? If he is not to be at Winona at the invitation of the Board Gustav Pfeiffer will have to send him as commissioner instead of Dixon

at Juneau after March 25th

Cordially,

James A Gamble

March 12, 1921.

Rev. James H. Condit, D.D.,
Hotel Frye,
Seattle, Wash.

My dear Dr. Condit:-

In Dr. Dixon's absence from the office on account of a very severe cold, I desire to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of February twenty-third enclosing the estimate of Yukon Presbytery, and also, your letter of February twenty-fourth concerning the same. The Executive Council is now in session for the study of the budget for next year, and your letters will be given consideration in due time.

Sincerely yours,

I. For Dr. Dixon.

March 21, 1921.

Rev. James H. Condit, D. D.,
Hotel Fry,
Seattle, Washington.

My dear Dr. Condit:

I have written Dr. Spence saying that he will be employed by the Board during the coming year to speak over the churches and tell the story of Northern Alaska. He will be in charge of Dr. King. It is very likely that Dr. King will want him to attend the Assembly, and in case he does it will be at the expense of the Board. In case I am correct about this the way will be open for Mr. Diven to represent his Presbytery at the Assembly.

I am depending on you to get track of a man to go to Point Barrow. We have an excellent nurse but no doctor as yet.

With every good wish, I am

Very sincerely yours,

JAH:ES

Copy of this letter also sent to Dr. Condit at Juneau.

March 26, 1921.

Rev. James H. Condit, D.D.
Juneau, Alaska.

My dear Dr. Condit,

As I have intimated before, the Executive Council of the Board has been passing through one of the most trying times in all its history. The command of the Executive Commission that we cut down our budget next year to the low sum of $ occassioned anxious meetings which continued daily for almost a month. In order to meet the difference between the amounts asked by the various presbyteries and fields and the demand of the Commission every department was compelled to cut to the quick. The Alaska budget had to be cut from $78,000 during the past year to $48,000 for the coming year. This meant that every mission in Alaska has has to feel the knife. The accompanying schedule will show you the extent of the cut. Dr. Dixon, Young and myself have spent anxious days upon it.

The cuts in the Alaska Presbytery which will be the hardest to put through, perhaps, are the cuts in the amount of salaries paid by the Board to the pastors in the churches of the Indian missions. You will remember that two years ago the Board asked that the Indians raise $100 in each mission towards the payment of the pastors' salaries. This was not done in most cases because of the reluctance of the pastors to press the matter with their Indians. Now in order to meet the dayandssof the occasion, we are asking that the Indian missions pay $200 or more each during the coming year. The scale has been made according to the apparent strength of the mission. Now in order to relieve the pastors of the responsibility of this cut, we have prepared a letter to be sent to each one of the Indian missions, and I would suggest that you, as General Missionary, should go to each native church and try to put over this budget. Do it on the basis of an every-member canvass and as far as possible, let the Indians manage it themselves. Perhaps the Alaska Brotherhood could be induced to help in this matter. If they would do so, it might help to solve the relation of the Brotherhood to the Presbyterian Church. You will see that the mission at Klukwan is to become vacant during the coming year, except so far as Mr. Denton from Haines can take care of it. We are corresponding with two good men for Hydaburg and hope soon to command one of them. Dr. Dixon will inform you on this subject.

In the Yukon Presbytery, Tenana will be left vacant this year and I might suggest that during the coming summer when the Indians will be scattered to their fishing places, and it will be impossible to reach them, you will probably think it wise to spend the whole of the summer,

or most of it, at least, in the interior looking after Nenana, the railroad camps with possible visits to Ruby, Iditarod and the new camps on the Kusqokwim.

Dr. Young goes, according to action taken by the Board on Thursday, to Wrangell, Hydaburg, and Sitka and other points on the southern coast to collect material for books and lectures, and incidentally to supply whatever of these churches are vacant, until the coming pastors arrive and Mr. Buchanan returns to Sitka from his vacation. He can perhaps be useful in gathering the Indians of his old church at Wrangell together and re-uniting that distracted mission.

Please let me hear from you very soon in regard to these very important matters.

Most cordially,

SHY:JD

Copy

March 28th, 1921.

Dr. F. H. Spence,
Los Angeles,
Calif.

Dear Dr. Spence:

Your letter of March 1st, with enclosure, of copy of letter of same date to Dr. Marquis, is at hand. I think the best plan is for you to be elected as Commissioner from Yukon Presbytery for this year. It is your unquestioned privilege to represent us, and we want you to do so unless you should receive word from the Board that they would want you at this time for a campaign among the churches. If we do not receive word to this effect, either from you or the Board, we will elect you. In any event, you may count on being at Wynona.

I do not have your Street number, and would suggest that you send it to me, as the address, Los Angeles of your recent letter, is indefinite. I want to be sure that your commission, which I will send immediately upon your election, reaches you.

The Presbytery of Yukon Convenes at Cordova the 25th of April.

Cordially yours,

James H. Condit

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March 28th, 1921.

Rev. J. A. Marquis, D. D.,
156 Fifth Ave.,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Marquis:

Your telegram of the 26th inst. is at hand. Yukon Presbytery will elect Dr. Spence as Commissioner to the Assembly.

If it can be arranged that Mrs. Spence be provided for, as you indicate, I would suggest that you so inform the Spences so as to set their minds at rest.

I am writing Dr. Spence today that the Presbytery will elect him as their representative, and enclose a copy of my letter to him.

Cordially yours,

James H. Condit

JHC-C
Encl.

March 28, 1921.

Rev. James H. Condit, D.D.,

Juneau, Alaska.

My dear Dr. Condit:-

I am enclosing a copy of a letter which I am sending by this mail to Mr. Bruce. I know full well how keen will be the disappointment to yourself and to all of the brethren in the insufficient appropriation made by the Board for the work in Alaska. May a better day for all the Home Board's work speedily dawn!

You will hear directly from Dr. Marquis concerning the cooperation with the missionaries in securing contributions from the various communities towards the missionaries' salaries, and also, with regard to some other matters.

I am also enclosing a copy of the Yukon appropriation which I fear will bring to you the same disappointment. You will note that the grant to Anchorage is $1,200., and to Cordova, $1,500, and Fairbanks $1,000. We cherish the hope that with your cooperation the people at these three points will be persuaded to contribute enough to make the minister's salary $2,000. The Board will continue to honor the vouchers of Messrs. Marple, Nickerson and Scherer for three months with the understanding and agreement that there shall be an adjustment based upon the contributions of the people, which adjustment shall not call for a larger amount than is named above.

The Board has added to the Yukon appropriation the sum of $3,800. for general items as indicated on the enclosed statement.

With best wishes for yourself and your work, I am,

Cordially yours,

Enclosures-

Clerk of the Board.

JD/I.

PRESBYTERY OF YUKON

Barrow	Arthur Hide - salary $1,000. -maintenance 1,000.	$2,000.
	Nurse - salary and maintenance	1,200.
	Doctor - salary	2,000.
	Hospital - food and fuel	6,000.
Anchorage	W. S. Murple	1,200.
Wales	H. F. Greist, M.D. - salary	2,000.
	Buildings - Supplies 500. Labor 150.	650.
	Interpreter	180.
Cordova	R. S. Nickerson	~~1,500.~~ 1400
Fairbanks	F. G. Scherer	1,000.
	Total - - - - - -	~~$17,730.~~ 17630.

GENERAL ITEMS

	Dr. J. H. Condit, D.D. - salary $2,500. Travel and office 500.	$3,000.
	Manse Furniture	500.
	Special Fund - unexpected emergencies	200.
	Presbytery - Travel to meeting	100.
	Total - - - - - -	$ 3,800.

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JUNEAU, ALASKA

Rev. J. A. Marquis, D. D.,
156 Fifth Ave.,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Marquis:

I agree with you, although regretfully, that if no Doctor is found elsewhere for Barrow, the alternative is to take Dr. Greist from Wales and put him there. While in California I approached Dr. E. O. Campbell, who was for seven years, our Missionary Doctor at St. Lawrence Island, as to his willingness to take the Barrow work. But he replies that he cannot now go because of the care of his aged parents. Aside from this, I have had but one inquiry in response to my letters to various medical schools, and that from an unlikely source.

If Dr. Greist is to go Barrow, he should be so notified as soon as possible, so that he can be getting ready to make the change. Also, immediate steps should be taken looking toward a man for Wales.

I would like to know as early as possible whether the Board will want me to go to Barrow and the far North again this summer. On the one hand, it would seem as if some representative of the Board ought to inspect, and officially take over, the Hospital building. It would be desirable, also, to establish the Doctor and nurse in their work there, and look after other matters of adjustment. It would be a good thing, also, that I be at Wales for a time, if we establish a new man there, and look to the interests of that Mission. On the other hand is the expense and the time necessary to make this journey. However, I am perfectly willing to go if it seems necessary to the best interests of the work. Will you let me know your decision on this point as early as you may, as I will want to arrange my work accordingly. If thought desirable for me to go, permission to travel on the Revenue Cutter "Bear" should be obtained from the Commandant, Coast Guard Service, ~~at~~ Washington, D. C.

Cordially yours,

James H. Condit

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March 29, 1921.

Rev. James H. Condit, D.D.,

Juneau, Alaska.

My dear Dr. Condit:-

As I have intimated before, the Executive Council of the Board has been passing through one of the most trying times in all its history. The acuumulated debt of the Board, which the Treasurer's office estimates at about $330,000., together with the command of the Executive Commission of the General Assembly that there be a large reduction in the budget for next year, occasioned anxious meetings which continued daily for almost a month. In order to meet the difference between the amounts asked by the various Presbyteries and fields and the demand of the Commission, every department was compelled to cut to the quick. This meant that every mission in Alaska has had to feel the knife. Drs. Dixon, Young and myself have spent anxious days upon the matter.

The cuts in Alaska Presbytery which will be the hardest to put through, perhaps, are the cuts in the amount of salaries paid by the Board to the pastors in the churches of the Indian missions. You will remember that two years ago the Board asked that the Indians raise $100. in each mission towards the payment of the pastor's salary. This was not done in most cases because of the reluctance of the pastors to press the matter with their Indians. Now, in order to meet the demands of the occasion, we are asking that the Indian missions pay $200. or more each during the coming year. The scale has been made according to the apparent strength of the mission. In order to relieve the pastors of the responsibility of this cut, we have prepared a letter to be sent to each one of the Indian missions, and I would suggest that you as General Missionary should go to each native church and try to put over this budget. Do it on the basis of an every-member canvass, and as far as possible, let the Indians manage it themselves. Perhaps the Alaska Brotherhood could be induced to help in this matter. If they would do so, it might help to solve the relationship of the Brotherhood to the Presbyterian Church. You will see that the mission at Klukwan is to become vacant during the coming year, except so far as Mr. Denton from Haines can take care of it. We are corresponding with two good men for Hydaburg and hope soon to commission one of them. Dr. Dixon will inform you on this subject.

In the Presbytery of Yukon, Nenana will be left vacant this year and I might suggest that during the coming summer when the Indians will be scattered to their fishing places, and it will be impossible to reach them, you will probably think it wise to spend the whole of the summer, or most of it ast least, in the interior looking after Nenana and the railroad camps, with possible visits to Ruby, Iditarod and the new camps on the Kuskokwim.

(over)

Dr. Young goes, according to action taken by the Board last Thursday, to Wrangell, Hydaburg, and Sitka and other points on the Southern coast to collect material for books and lectures, and incidentally, to supply whatever of these churches are vacant, until the coming pastors arrive and Mr. Buchanan returns to Sitka from his vacation. He can perhaps be useful in gathering the Indians of his old church at Wrangell together and reuniting that distracted mission.

Please let me hear from you very soon in regard to these very important matters.

Most cordially,

JAM/I.

PRESBYTERY OF ALASKA

TREASURER'S DEPT.

PRESBYTERY OF YUKON
JAMES H. CONDIT
STATED CLERK

THE BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS
OF THE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE U. S. A.

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TERRITORY OF ALASKA
JAMES H CONDIT, D D., GENERAL MISSIONARY
JUNEAU, ALASKA

March 30,1921.

Mr. Varian Banks,
156 5th Avenue,
New York.

Dear Mr. Banks:

Your telegram of March 15th in regard to Metlaktla and Wales matters was forwarded to me at Ketchikan and so repeated as to be unintelligible. I have therefore been delayed in getting to a reply.

The reference to Metlakatla is as follows:

"Council unwilling vote sixteen hundred for Marsden prefers eight hundred possibly one thousand Metlakatla to pledge balance"

In my telegram to you in reply I said:

"Request Council suspend final action Metlakatla salary pending receipt my letter urging full amount"

I am presenting the Council's action to the Home Mission Committee of Alaska Presbytery, by whose action in fixing the estimate for needs for the coming year the request for sixteen hundred dollars for Mr. Marsden's salary at Metlakatla was made. Doubtless the Committee will feel inclined to defend their action and will so indicate to the Council by letter direct. In the mean time I am led to write at this time urging that the full amount of salary, sixteen hundred dollars, be granted for the coming year for Metlakatla.

The following are my reasons for so urging:

First--South-eastern Alaska will be less prosperous financially for the coming year than for many preceding years. This is due principally to the overstocked condition of the salmon market with reference to canned fish. But a very few canneries will operate in this section this summer the owners preferring to close their plants entirely rather than to face farther loss. In fact the only canneries operating will be those putting up red fish,with very few exceptions.

The natives of S.E.Alaska will feel this depression more than the whites as they depend very largely upon the cannery work for their living. This season of non-production follows one of poor returns last year. As a result many natives are now without funds and are living on

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credit. The Bureau of Education is facing the problem of possible actual want in many native quarters this coming winter.

This applies to Metlakatla in so far that already the Co-operative store there has extended something like $7000 of credit. The cannery at Metlakatla is leased under contract. The company is obligated to operate but will only do so, if at all, at a greatly decreased output and facing a loss of at least $50,000. In consequence the company is now attempting to compromise by paying a bonus to the community to be used in meeting necessary municipal expenses and thus to be relieved from running this summer. Because of the depressed condition the saw-mill will also not operate because of lack of orders. The people will not be able to pay the balance deducted from Mr. Marsden's salary and the action of the Council simply means that he will be put on a salary of $800 or $1000 as the case may be.

This is a company of white people operating under lease from the Bureau of Education J.H.C.

Second--The Metlakatla people have never been trained in Christian Giving inasmuch as under Mr. Duncan's system all bills were paid by him. There were no offerings taken excepting on special occasions.

Since the organization of the Presbyterian Church a collection has been taken at each service and this is an entire innovation. The people have responded well, considering the new system, having provided for all their local expenses, for singing books, for individual communion set, fuel, light, etc., and in addition, have ~~for the first time~~ made offerings to the benevolences of the church for the first time in their experience.

They are learning about the grace of giving. It would be unwise to urge them at this time beyond their knowledge and consecration.

Third--They are looking forward to issuing a call to Mr. Marsden to become their pastor. At that time the officers of the church expect to put the matter of support of the minister up to the people and to ask for a definite pledge for pastoral support--the same to be indicated in the call. This may not come before late in the year and is now delayed by the unhappy condition prevailing at Metlakatla because of the unsettled "will" matter. It will come in due time.

Fourth--The people have no house of worship. At present they are using the school house but the Bureau of Education feels that already a point has been strained in housing them there. They are talking up building matters and are expecting to do the work on this building themselves. This will demand of them extra financial burdens.

For these reasons I consider that it would be unwise and also prejudicial to the interests of the Metlakatla church to press for this measure of self support at this time. For the present I believe that the full salary should be granted with the understanding that the church is expected to assume self support as rapidly and as soon as possible. When the advance step is taken it should be by voluntary action on their own part and not by arbitrary coercion. This will come about in due time and of this I can assure the Home Missions Council.

Sincerely yours,

James H. Condit

PRELIMINARY DETAIL BUDGET I

Presbyterian Board of Home Missions.

Department .....
Schedule Number .....
Presbytery Alaska .....
Synod Washington .....

List here all items charged to particular Presbyteries except Field Men. Put only one item on each line.

* Field	Classification	Grade	Recommended for promotion by Survey?	Name of Person or Item	If other than salary item ignore these columns: Position	7 year plan in force or agreed to	Present Salary (Mark M if with free use of house)	Proposed Salary	Grant Asked	Grant Approved
Metlakathla	III A I	2		Edward Marsden	Missionary		$1600	$1600	*1600	
Kasaan Ketchikan Saxman	III A I	2		F. R. Falconer	" "	M	1600	1600	1600	
Bayview	III A I	2		E. E. Bromley	"	M	1600	1600	1600	
Hydaburg	III A I	2		native worker at present salary $900		M	1600	1600	1600	
Wrangell white-native	III A I	2		R. J. Diven(elect)	"	M	1600	1600	1600	
Kake	III A I	2		J. R. Fitzgerald	"	M	1600	1600	1600	
Douglas-mission Juneau-native	III A I	2		David Waggoner	"	M	1600	1600	*1560	
Haines	III A I	2		C. G. Denton	"	M	1600	1600	1600	
Skagway	III A A	2		E. L. Winterberger	Pastor	M	1600	1600	1000	
Hoonah	III A I	2		G. J. Beck	Missionary	M	1600	1600	1600	
Sitka native-white	III I A A	2		R. A. Buchanan	"	M	1600	1600	1300	
Klukwan	III A I	2		(vacant)		M		1600	1600	
Kasaan	III A I	2		vacant. Grouped with Ketchikan				900	900	
Pastor-at-large				David Waggoner	M commissioned				*2300	

*Juneau-Douglas vacant if Rev. Waggoner appointed Pastor-at-large
*$2,300 is divided $1,800 salary. $500 travel and maintenance expense.

$21,460

Note: See other side for statement of Classifications and Grades.

*** If a minister for whom a grant is asked serves more than one church, give name of each.**

CLASSIFICATION

I. City over 5,000

II. Town—2,500-5,000

III. Village—250-2,500

- a. Non-agricultural industry
- b. Agricultural industry

IV. Rural—

- a. Non-agricultural
- b. Agricultural

A.—American population served—white

N.—Negro population served

I.—Indian population served

F.—Foreign population served

S.—Some special industrial group other than farmers served (as Lumberjacks)

GRADES

A.—Promising Field

- 1—Prospects of self-support
- 2—Strategic service opportunity

B.—Problematic Field

- 1.—Uncertainties of community development
- 2.—Denominational responsibility uncertain

C.—Field to be relinquished

- 1—Should be self-supporting
- 2—Work should be dropped

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REPORT OF GENERAL MISSIONARY

Presbytery of Alaska

April 1921

Angual Report of the General Missionary to the
Presbytery of Alaska, April,1921.

In General:

The largest missionary undertaking of the year, in Alaska, has been the successful landing of a complete hospital and equipment at Point Barrow, the farthest north mission in the United States, and Western Hemisphere. The General Missionary had the privilege of supervising the shipping of this equipment as also of conducting a missionary party to have charge of this and the Prince of Wales station, both remote outposts of missionary effort.

During the winter the building at Barrow has been in process of construction and according to latest reports will be ready for occupancy early this summer. As Doctor Spence, after many years of service, has found it necessary to give up his work in Alaska, it will be necessary to provide a medical man for this vacancy.

The mission at Wales, instituted by Dr. Sheldon Jackson, and for many years under the control of the Congregational Church, has been taken over by the Presbyterian Board. Dr. and Mrs. Greist are now in charge at that point and occupy an important position inasmuch as Wales is at the nearest point to the vast Siberian territory with its thousands of unevangelized natives. These visit Wales in small numbers each year to trade.

The Board of Home Missions plans to continue its activities among the Eskimo peoples until all of these hardy people are provided with mission privileges. Especially is there need of the establishment of mission work in the region at the mouth of the Kuskokwim river as well as the revival of the work at St. Lawrence Island, once conducted by the Presbyterian Church but for a good many years neglected.

A number of advance steps in our work in S.E.Alaska are worthy of mention.

At Sitka a new church building enterprise has been launched. The plan calls for one large, commodious building, sufficient to provide for the three lines of activity found there, viz, the Sheldon Jackson School, the native people of the ranch and the white congregation. It is the plan to build on the site of the present white church . This community has been much inconvenienced by lack of suitable accomodations for its various activities which for the past year have included three Sunday Schools and three prayer meetings.

An organization has been effected at Metlakatla which now numbers some 180 members with all the auxiliaries of a fully established church. The people have secured a block of ground in the heart of the town and are looking to the erection of a building so soon as proper arrangements can be made. This church and these brethren are deserving of the sympathies and prayers of the presbytery in the trying experiences through which they are passing.

The launch Lois has been equipped with a moving picture machine of the type used on army transports during the war and the plan of Mr. Beck is to use this outfit in reaching the cannery audiences and other people of his extensive parish. The Hoonah church has been adopted by the Woodland Church of Philadelphia and already a close tie has been established between the two.

The spiritual life of the churches has been quickened during the year noticeably. Probably the statistics will show increase beyond that of last year in point of additions on profession. There is a general increase of spiritual interest manifest throughout the Presbytery. Special interest has been reported from Juneau native churches and Ketchikan mission and Saxman church. A very large number have been received at Metlakatla on profession of faith.

Kake is making very satisfactory advance in the matter of benevolences. This church will probably report the largest amount raised for the Boards in its history.

Vacancies.

Three of our churches have been vacant during the year, viz, Klukwan, Wrangel and Hydaburg. Klukwan has been fortunate in having a christian teacher and wife in charge of the native school. Mr and Mrs. Dyer have faithfully ministered to the people in religious things as well as educational. At Wrangel Mrs. Tillie Paul Tamaree has been no less faithful in filling the vacancy as best she could. At Hydaburg. Mr. George Haldane has been employed by the Board to preach and teach and has proven to be a man of consecration and good judgement.

It now seems probable that all these vacancies are provided for and that at the beginning of the year we will have all our churches ~~provided for.~~ Supplied. Rev. R.J.Diven,D.D., formerly a member of this presbytery, is coming soon to Wrangel, from Nenana, in the interior. He will be just the man for the difficulties of that place. ~~The General Missionary has secured the promise of a very promising graduate of this year's class at San Anselmo to turn Alaskaward, having visited him recently at his home in San Anselmo. Mr. Locker has had many years experience among native tribes of the states and gives promise of being a useful successor of Mr. Howe who did such a good work at Hydaburg.~~ It is also the hope of the General Missionary that by an understanding with the Bureau of Education a man and wife may be placed at Klukwan who shall have charge of both church and school. It will be possible by such cooperation to provide educational and religious opportunities for this small community which has become so small as to hardly warrant the full time of either teacher or preacher.

Candidate for the ministry

It is with great pleasure that the Board recognizes the appearance of a candidate for the ministry in the person of Mr. Andrew Johnson, a graduate of this year's class at Sitka, who has made application for admission to Park College with a view of taking a full educational course in college and theological school. It is the hope of the Board that other pastors may have the joy which has come to Mr. Buchanan at whose invitation this young man decided to consecrate his life to the work of the gospel ministry.

News Letter

The General Missionary, on account of continued absenxe from his office during the year, was unable to carry out the plan as to the publication of a quarterly news letter but hopes to be able to so do during this coming year. There is much need of such an organ for the dissemination of information as to our mission work in Alaska.

In the administration of the work your General Missionary desires to call attention to the matter of requisitions. Unless in especially exceptional cases he must refuse to "o-kay" requisitions in advance of their expenditure. Either receipts for the payment of bills or the bills themselves must be presented to him before payment can be ordered. He also wishes to call attention to the fact, again, that the Board has instructed the Missionaries to furnish him with quar-

that s me of the missionaries are slack in sending in copies of their quarterly reports to him. It is quite essential that these be furnished not only for purposes of general information but also to furnish items for the proposed News Letter. He would call attention to the fact that the Board had directed that such reports be furnished to him.

Self support in Native Churches

It is the hope of the Board that the native churches will take up seriously the matter of self support. There is no church in our bounds which can not do something along the line of the support of its pastor. It is urgent that to this end the new methods be applied as rapidly as possible to our native churches--every member canvass, envelope systemn--and especially the constant teachings of the church and scriptures as to stewardship. We have passed the period of poor and unsophisticated natives in S.E.Alaska. They are very modern in every social advance. We will be doing them a wrong and ourselves and the cause and injustice if we do not lead them to feel their responsibility in matters of giving. For their own comfort they are lavish spenders. For approved objects they easily raise any amount necessary. We must lead them to the consecration which finds expression in giving the tithe and accepting the obligation of stewardship.

The General Missionary has travelled over 23,000 miles in the pursuit of his duties during the past year and has visited all the stations and churches of the Territory,under Presbyterian control,excepting two interior churches and the missions of Klukwan and Kasaan. He desires to recognize the unfailing courtesy and cooperation of the missionaries employed by the Board, their hospitality as he has visited their homes and churches and especially his appreciation of the fidelity with which the men on the field are meeting the obligations of their places. Within the past year our churches have given a good account of themselves in every benevolent enterprise looking toward the alleviation of the sufferings of the war smitten areas. But in many ways, during the year, has recognition been given to the influence which our church has exercised during these many years for truth and righteousness in Alaska. The results speak for themselves. The record of the Presbyterian Church in Alaska and especially in S.E.Alaska, is not one to be ashamed of. May God continue to bless the men who execute and the Board which plans the great work entrusted to us in Alaska.

PLEASE RETURN TO
JAMES H. CONDIT
JUNEAU, ALASKA.

Hoonah, Alaska.
April 5th. 1921.

Rev. James H.Condit, D.D.
General Missionary for Alaska.
Juneau, Alaska.

Dear Dr. Condit:-

Was glad to hear from you this morning and would like to have you call very much but so many of our people are away at this time you could reach only a few of them and I hardly think it wise to put it up to them at this time. I believe they will come to self support before very long and I know they will never enjoy to the full the christian life until they do learn to give, they must come to it but just now so many of them are not sure of anything to buy food with next winter. I know they will get through in good shape for they are all at work, nearly all are putting in gardens, drying fish and doing every thing in their power to make a living. One cannery superintendent came through here not long since and said to some of the natives, " what are you going to do now the canneries will not run"? It made them mad and they answered back in this wise" we lived before you came and we will live after you are gone". and they will. There are a number of cannery men who are of the openion the government will have to feed the natives this winter because the canneries are closed.but the natives are going to fool them.

I am not troubled about that two hundred dollars and in a way I am glad the Board have cut it out. The Hoonah, People will make it up when the time comes , We have just arrived at the parting of the ways here and I dont want anything to happen that will upset matters. Our people made a wonderful start last winter and they are hopeful now. I have so many plans I want them to work out, that will call for their money. We have the worst looking church in Alaska nothing has ever been done to build up this place and they are ready to go ahead, but it cannot all be done at once.

We have the frame of another fine little building up on the Mission ground. The first man is working very hard at his lot and putting in a fine garden. He has cleared right up to his back line in the woods. The Board have never said a word about the lease and I suppose Mr. Banks will give me another calling down for this new man I have on the ground.

We are very busy planting our garden, painting the Lois and keeping up the church work.

With kindest regards to all I remain

Most cordially yours

Geo. J. Beck

April 5, 1921.

Rev. James H. Condit, D.D.,
Juneau, Alaska.

My dear Dr. Condit,

I am to start for Alaska April 26th. I shall stop at Casper, Wyoming on my way, where I have an appointment May 1st. I expect them to go on to Seattle and after a few days ~~there~~ looking over my papers, books and other goods there, I expect to sail at once for Wrangell. There, as Dr. Marquis has informed you, I am to remain until Mr. Diven arrives and in the meantime I expect with the help of Mrs. Tilly Paul Tamaree and others to collect data for my coming big book, and for lectures for the Board. Then it is thought advisable by the Board in Alaska and by Mr. Buchanan, to whom I am writing, I shall supply Sitka for a while during his absence. Perhaps I shall also go to Hydaburg.

The Board has granted me two months vacation in the fall and I am making arrangements to conduct a party of hunters to Kenai and Alaska Peninsulas and have one more good hunt for big game.

Of course I shall not undertake any building or anything but simply supplying the churches. However, at Wrangell I hope through my influence over the Indians to reunite that scattered and distracted congregation. I shall have no scruples at all in endeavoring to steal back from Corser the sheep which he stole from our fold.

There is almost sure prospects now of getting a pastor very soon at Hydaburg. Rev. W. E. Story of Fairoaks, California, formerly a successful Baptist minister and lately in charge of a large Union Church, is to be received by the Presbytery of Sacramento and ordained as a Presbyterian minister with a view to taking up work at Hydaburg.

A year ago Dr. Story applied to go to Cordova or Fairbanks, but these missions being supplied we wrote to him about Wrangell. When it became probable that we could send Dr. Diven to Wrangell, I wrote him that the Alaska missions seemed to be closed, but we were disappointed in a man we expected to get for Hydaburg and so a few weeks ago I wrote to Dr. Story and he has consented to go to Hydaburg.

We investigated him thoroughly a year ago and Dr. Dixon and I are agreed that he is the most promising available candidate for that mission.

He is to be ordained the 19th of this month and it is not probable that he will be able to get to his field before July. We have instructed him to write to you and you will probably receive word from him by the time this is received.

I do not know when I shall get to Juneau. It is probable that I shall stick close to Wrangell until Diven gets there.

Mr. Brower of Point Barrow has been in our offices yesterday and to-day making arrangements for the shipping of goods to Point Barrow and we have had a very pleasant visit with him. He has a half breed daughter who was educated at Orange, N.J. and is now teaching school in the public schools of East Orange. He had five children, all half breeds, who were educated at the Orange High School. Two of his boys are taking care of his ranch near San Diego. A daughter is married and living in Los Angeles. He says that in time he will send his second half breed family of six out to the States to be educated. He has thrown much light on the situation at Point Barrow.

We are still hunting a missionary physician for that Point. The nurse seems to have been found and was in the office yesterday. Dr. Marquis will doubtless write you about her.

Dr. Moffett of the Indian office, with the consent of Dr. Marquis, telegraphed Dr. Spence offering to put him in charge of a hospital in Arizona, but Dr. Spence has declined theoffer on account of his own and his wife's ill health. We have made provision for him by putting him into Dr. King's lecture bureau, but whether he is able to stand that strenuous work is a problem.

I understand that Dr. Marquis wrote you recommending that Dr. Spence go as Commissioner of the Presbytery of Yukon to the General Assembly. I have not received from you any ballot to be cast for our Commissioner, but presume that it will be forthcoming. No time should be lost if he is to be our Commissioner.

By the way, could you not arrange for a meeting of the Presbytery at Anchorage next Fall, say early in September? If you spend the summer in the Interior, it would be easy for you to come out by the government railroad to Anchorage and Nickerson, Marple and I could join you in a meeting.

I made a trip to Washington in the interests of the appointment of Judge Wickersham as governor and also saw officials for the purpose. Among others I visited Mr. Cramer of the Prohibition Bureau in the interests of the enforcement of the law. I went with Delegate Sutherland. It seems very probable that Wickersham will be elected. Secretary Fall is said to have recommended the appointment of Wickersham.

You will have time to reach me with a letter here before I start. While at Seattle I shall stop at the Hotel Frye.

With warm regards to Mrs. Condit and yourself,

As ever,
Your friend,

SHY:JD

April 6, 1921.

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Juneau, Alaska.

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April 9, 1921.

Rev. James H. Condit, D. D.,
Juneau,
Alaska.

Dear Dr. Condit:

I am very much impressed by your idea that you ought to go to Point Barrow this summer. I know it is expensive, but it does not seem right to me to send Miss Dakin alone there as a nurse, particularly when there is such a wild man as Eide there to terrify her. Furthermore, whilst I have written Dr. Greist to be in readiness to go to Point Barrow next summer if called upon, it is doubtful whether my letter reached him. I wish you would write him also and go into the matter pretty thoroughly with him.

The next point would be to get somebody to go to Wales. Whether anybody goes or not a lot of coal and other supplies have already been ordered that will need to be disposed of in some way, taken on to Barrow or something else done with them. I am speaking now without consulting anybody on the Board, but would like to have you ready to go in case you get a wire to this effect.

I will write to the Government at Washington for transportation on the Bear, but it is a great question in my mind whether or not you ought not to go on the Herman, or at least make some arrangement by which you can have a longer stay in Barrow then you did last summer or that you can by going on the Bear. If you could be there a week or two you could I think get things straightened out so they would stay straightened.

I am writing Eide confirming Mr. Gould's discharge of him from the mission work, but I fear his temper is such that he might be inclined to cause a lot of trouble unless there is some virile hand there next summer and you are the only one who knows the situation sufficiently to undertake it.

Very sincerely yours,

JAM:ES

P. S. In regard to the overture from Kansas City Presbytery, whilst I think it is on the rightgeneral line and I have worked out a scheme somewhat similar myself, yet I believe it is unwise to crowd the matter just now on account of Dr. Stone's committee. You may recall that at the last meeting

of the General Assembly a committee was appointed on reorganization and consolidation of all the Boards. Dr. Stone as Chairman will report some plan at Winona in May and I should think it would be better not to embarrass him by such overtures.

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JUNEAU, ALASKA

April 12,1921

Rev. John A. Marquis,D.D.,
156 5th Avenue,
New York.

Dear Dr. Marquis:

I am greatly disappointed to receive no word as to any adjustment of my relations to the work in Alaska and especially as affecting the situation created by the position of the Home Mission Committee of Alaska Presbytery. I presume that no action was taken by the Board although I had been led by your letters to believe that such action was under contemplation.

You may count on me to continue in the future to do my best for the cause up here as I have tried to do my best in the past. But in all frankness I must say that at no time since I assumed this responsibility have my relations to the Board as well as to the field been so uncertain and so unsatisfactory. I feel that my hands are tied. This, added to the troubles in the local fields, from Metlakatla to Barrow, makes a burden which sometimes seems a little toheavy.

I feel that I should not add to the so much heavier burdens which you have to bear,and yet, it would not be just to the cause, nor to you, if I did not say this.

Cordially yours,

James H. Condit

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New York.

Dear Dr. Marquis:

Your letter of the 29th ult. did not reach me until two days ago. It came while the Presbytery of Alaska was in session here made necessary by the fact that the mission boat Lois is out of commission on account of needed repairs and could not be used to take the men to Klawock.

I must hasten this reply for a mail leaving shortly and will have to postpone many things to later letters. In accord with your suggestions I will as far as possible, or advisable, carry out the plan for the summer which you outline. It will be impossible for me to reach the Kuskokwim, however, for lack of time. Whether advisable to go to the Iditarod is still to be determined. I must first learn whether there are enough people there now to warrant the expense necessary to go there and the time, as well. It is a long trip from Nenana.

The cut in salaries has brought discouragement to the men. You may count on my doing all that I can to instil into the minds of the native congregations the duty of stewardship. In so far as the men are concerned the general impression seemed to be that the action of the Board,while intended to stimulate the people to that which is right in giving and while theoretically a sound proposition, nevertheless meant a cut in salaries in the sums indicated, viz, from $200 to $300 each. In some of the fields this proposition is certainly impossible. Am I to say to the men that in cases where the field can not, or will not respond to this requirement, the men must suffer the reduction? I will write later in detail, as to this.

I also go to the meeting of the Yukon Presbytery with a heavy heart. What am I to say to Marple at Anchorage in the face of his statement that he is unable to get along on the salary paid there now in view of the $400 added to the requirement from the church in addition to the $400 which the church had assumed? Also, what am I to write to Scherer who claims that the Board assured him that it would pay all his salary of $2,000, at Fairbanks, in the face of the requirement of the Board that Fairbanks raise $1,000 on salary. The church can not and will not attempt to do this, I am positive. I much fear that both Marple and Scherer will feel compelled to leave the work in Alaska. I am very sorry that I have no word of explanation as these cuts in Yukon Presbytery or as to the thought of the Board thereto, beyond the word of Dr? Dixon that the churches are expected to provide the balance.

However, I am hoping and praying that the Lord will graciously care for this emergency in our work.

Sincerely yours,

James H. Condit

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Rev. John A. Marquis,D.D.,
156 5th Avenue,
New York.

Dear Dr. Marquis:

With respect to the cut in Alaska Presbytery certain representations should be made,not for the purpose of questioning the wisdom or necessity of the same but as forecasting effects and results.

In general I may say that the missionaries,with a few exceptions, made a faithful effort to bring the congregations to the point of raising at least $100 toward the salary, as before suggested. It should not be forgotten that the burden of the interpreters had been previously put upon the native churches. This and local expenses are now being carried by all native churches. In addition to this result of the effort to instruct the people in giving the Sitka church has raised the $100, Juneau has raised about $40, and other churches small amounts toward the pastor's salary.

But no one who has had no experience with the Alaska natives and the methods of the past both governmental and ecclesiastical can appreciate the difficulty of educating them to the acceptance of the duty of supporting their minister.

First, they say that the white man has taken away all their resources. He now gets the benefit. Let him support us. In the Bureau of Education and other agencies of the government this is done.

Second, "we have men who can talk and preach as well as the white man does. Give us $50 a month and we will provide our own preaching." In white congregations the spur of possibility of being without a minister drives the congregation to larger effort. We can not so appeal to the natives. If we tell them that unless they do this or that they will have no preacher they are not much impressed and are quite likely to accept that possibility with entire equanimity because they do not as yet appreciate the very great part the education and personality of the minister has in sustaining the spiritual life of the communities.

Also, the gift and grace of giving is one which is entirely foreign to the native mind. His program for generations past has been one of getting and not giving. We can not hope to speedily build up a christian character. It is true that such a conception must be brought to these people and the Board is entirely right in urging the cultivation of this field. The ministers are talking and preaching along this line. I presume that the reports of this year will show a larger gift to benevolences than ever before in the history of these churches. I think this will apply also to congregational expenses. They are learning but it is a slow and heart trying experience for the teachers.

To consider more in particular the situation the Presbytery is confronted with the fact that for years there has been no less auspicious time for this forward movement that now. Practically all of the canneries operating in South Eastern Alaska have closed their doors for this year. The natives will be harder up financially than in any year in recent times. Already many of them are living on credit at the Bureau of Education stores and both the Territory and Bureau are already considering the possibility of being compelled to provide relief for the natives during this coming year. Practically their only source of revenue is in connection with the fishing and cannery enterprises. There could not be a less favorable year for asking for the raising of $200 or $300 additional to the expenses already assumed.

Hydaburg has been without a minister for more than a year. It will be unjust to the new man coming there to have to confront the congregation with the statement that they are expected to pay $300 of his salayy. The new man should be assured of all his salary for the first year.

In this connection I wish to say that while in San Anselmo I interviewed a young man by the name of A.K.Locker, formerly in the Navajo mission, whom I considered a most likely man for Hydaburg but word received by the Home Mission Committee here is so unfavorable that it seems undesirable to consider him and I have written him to this effect. I hope that he is not one of the two men whom you mention as possibilities for Hydaburg.

Juneau native is one with little financial ability in it. Mr. Waggoner has had a fight on his hands all this year with his conservative native session which not only opposes the proposition to pay anything on their minister's salary but also opposes taking a collection in the Sunday School because this money so raised should be used for paying their interpreter and for meeting necessary repairs on their church building. A small number have more or less of the vision and are standing by Mr. and Mrs. Waggoner. They have adopted and are using the envelope systemn, i.e., such of them as agree to it. Mr. Waggoner as well as myself are perfectly willing to stand by the principle of tithing, stewardship, and giving, but in the present status of affairs in this church and with the fight over the matter on hands now it is entirely useless for Mr. Waggoner to expect the Juneau church to raise $300 towards his salary. They will not do it.

In conclusion I may say that I stand ready to do the part asked of me in visiting the churches and taking up the matter of giving. The men, also, all agree to the soundness of the principle. But in practical application to this year and the present the men also believe that the action of the Board means for them that their salaries are reduced by the amounts specified. If the action of the Board is final and if there is no recourse except reduction, unless the Indians respond, I greatly fear that some of the men will find it necessary to give up their work. Is it the thought of the Board, or its necessity, to push the matter to this point?

Cordially yours,

James H. Condit

P.S. In a former letter I have presented the Metlakatla situation, where the salary is now cut To $1000.

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156 5th Avenue,
New York.

Dear Doctor Marquis:

In the Yukon Presbytery estimates as submitted by me was no allowance for fuel at Wales. As you know I have ordered 30 tons of coal for that station at $50 per ton and it is already on its wy way north, as I understand it, on the Hermann. In case Greist should go to Barrow it will still be needed by the mission and by the successor. How I happened to omit this matter I do not know any more than I know how the Board is now to provide for it.

As regards the cuts in Yukon salaries I believe that I have already called attention to the claim of Scherer, at Fairbanks, that the Board agreed to pay all his salary of $2,000, before he was commissioned to that field. While Fairbanks can and probably will assume a part of the proposed $1,000 placed upon them by the action of the Board I do not anticipate that they will assume all, or even a large proportion, of this amount. I am writing to Scherer suggesting that probably Nenana can do something toward his salary inasmuch as he is to supply that vacancy through the coming year as best he can. When in the inetrior this summer I will do what I can to help out in this field in attaining the goal mapped out.

I have also written regarding Anchorage. They had expected to raise $600 instead of $800. I am in hopes that they will be willing to assume the additional $200. But on the other hand Mr. Marple has complained that the present salary is insufficient and is especially unhappy over the condition of the manse which seems to have been poorly constructed for the extreme cold and which eats up coal.

Cordova hopes to raise $600 of the salary next year rather than the $500 which has been assessed to them. That is one ray of light.

Dr. Dixon does not indicate whether a letter has been written to the Yukon men similar to that addressed to the Alaska Presbytery men. I would like to know what the mind of the Board was in regard to reducing the Fairbanks grant to $1,000. In the present condition of that camp I am not at all clear as to how they are to meet this demand. I do not think they will do it.

Yukon Presbytery is to meet at Cordova next week. I leave for that point in two days. I expect to be back in my office by the 25th.

Cordially yours,

James H. Condit

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April 14,1921

Rev. John A. Marquis,D.D.,
156 5th Avenue,
New York.

Dear Dr. Marquis:

You have the distressing news of Eide's assault upon Cram, at Barrow, through Mr. Gould, and also of Mr. Gould's summary action in dismissing Eide from the Board service and placing Mr. Brown in charge, which orders were sent to Noorvik by wire to be carried on by the last winter mail.

If these telegrams reach Barrow,as planned,I am exceedingly apprehensive as to the outcome. Eide is a violent man. Should the Bureau of Education man , Rev. Mr. Cram , who is the U.S.Commissioner at Barrow, attempt to coeerce Eide by law, Eide is liable to do some desperate thing. We all need to pray that the hand of God may be manifested in restraining the wrath of man and also that his wisdom may be so manifested in our future choices that we may be delivered from ever again selecting such a misfit as Eide for our work. How ever he was wished on us I simply can not understand. The question now is how to get him out of Barrow. I am sure that he will have no means to pay his way out and that therefore the Board must bring him back again. I only fear that he will elect to remain there to trade, collect curios, etc.,etc., and live as an Eskimo. By all means should the Board make it possible for him to get back again to Seattle. If necessary it may be advisable to use his assault on Cram as a criminal charge and to allow the law to bring him to Nome for trial. I have no idea what Cram will do about the matter.

Also, if you are thoroughly convinced that Greist must go to Barrow, that ought to be made know to him at once so that he can arrange accordingly. Will you let me know your mind as to this so that I may write him. And, too, Eide being eliminated it is now necessary to take up the question of a man to take his place. It seems to me that a white man will have to be found who shall be handy man of all work around the mission there although an Eskimo might be trained for the job. My thought is that this man of all work should be qualified to teach in the S.S. and help as a layman in the religious work of the communities.

I am enclosing a copy of a letter to Mr. Lopp in which I urge that Mr. Cram be removed from Barrow. He is an ordained Presbyterian minister but not a man we could use in our work in S.E.Alaska and not fit for our work anywhere. He will be a trouble maker to any man whom we place at Barrow inasmuch as he feels that his former service as our missionary at Barrow has placed him in a position to still advise and direct in the work. He would like to be our missionary again. He must not be.

Cordially yours,

James H. Condit

Copy

April 14,1921

Mr. W.T.Lopp,
Bureau of Education,
Smith Building,
Seattle.

Dear Mr. Lopp:

A recent letter from Mr. Gould contains copies of certain telegrams and among them one from Mr. Cram appealing for protection from Eide.

That whole situation is certainly distressing.

Two things emerge:-

First, it was a sad mistake to send Eide to Barrow or any where else in mission service. Mr. Gould has severed his connection (Eide's) with our Board work. If Mr. Gould's telegram reached Noorvik in time to go forward with last overland mail and if it should thus reach Eide, as also the word to Brown to take charge, by winter mail, I am exceedingly apprehensive as to results. Knowing Eide as I do I should not be surprised if he should do some desperate thing. This is especially true in case Cram should attempt to coerce him through legal processes, as Commissioner. I shall be exceedingly uneasy as to that situation for the rest of this year. Mr. Brown will be the safeguard and balance wheel. However, I do not for a minute think that Mr. B. will agree to continue at Barrow after this year, as you suggested to Mr. Gould and as he has requested in his telegram to Brown.

Second, Eide must come out from Barrow. It is quite as important, as I see it, that Cram also be brought out from there. He will continue to think that he ought to have a voice in mission matters and will be a disturbing element to whomsoever may be in charge of our work. He can never be reinstated as our represe tative nor permitted to supplement the work of our missionary,(should we put a layman in charge,) as an ordained man. Both he and Mrs. Cram are in a nervous state and have no business in Barrow another year, for their own sakes. I sincerely trust that this last episode will thoroughly establish in your mind the necessity of putting some one else at Barrow in the place of the Crams and that they be brought entirely away from that district. Unless the Board can very soon find a man to take Mr. Spence's place we will have to put Greist there. It is altogether likely that this will be done.

The Home Mission Board has made decided cuts in salaries for the coming year because of a debt of $330,000 which faces the Board at the end of the year. The Klukwan appropriation has been entirely cut out and so ends the arrangement which I talkedover with you in regard to a cooperative plan with the Bureau for that place. Mr. Good was willing to go there and Mr. Hawkesworth agreed to the arrangement. I am sorry that this has fallen through with and trust that another year may see such a change in finances as to again make possible negotiations along this line.

May I hear from you in re Barrow situation. With kind regards I remain, as always

Sincerely yours, James A. Condit

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April 15,1921

Rev. J.A.Marquis.D.D.,
156 5th Avenue,
New York.

Dear Dr. Marquis:

In your letter of February 11,1921, you asked me to prepare an inventory of the Board's property in Alaska. It has been impossible for me to take this up because of many other duties but I am today addressing a letter of inquiry to the men on the field and hope to take care of this matter upon my return from Yukon Presbytery meeting, which will be in about ten days. It may be longer before I get replies from all the men.

Cordially yours,

James H. Condit.

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New York.

Dear Dr. Marquis:

I wish to report that in accordance with your request I presented to Presbytery of Alaska the request of the Board as to Metlakatla as presented in your letter of March 17th.

The Presbytery could not see its way clear to reopen the Metlakatla matter for the following principal reasons:

First; Mr. H.C.Strong, one of the Duncan Trustees who resides in Ketchikan, told our Mr. Falconer, that the Trustees would never agree to such a settlement of the issues. This was said to Mr. Falconer in a conversation held with Strong for the purpose of determining the position of the Trustees. It appeared to the Presbytery that there was some misunderstanding as to the proposition of Dr. Myers and evidence that if the request of Dr. Myers was as Dr. Dixon understood it, or as you understood it, there is still disagreement among the trustees as to such a procedure.

Second; The Presbytery was of the opinion that the reopening of the matter, after a referendum vote of the people had already been taken in regular form, could not be effected by any one but the people themselves. With the Metlakatla people,and especially with the majority now organized into a Presbyterian Church, the question is regarded as settled. The principle of self determination applies to these people as well as to other people and they have not asked and do not want the reopening of the question. To do so now would not make for harmony but the exact oppo site.

There were other points recorded all of which will be reported to you in the communication of the Presbytery to the Board. I am sending this letter,upon the adjournment of Presbytery,in order that you may know in a general way what was done.

It is not necessary for me to add to what I have already written you regarding the Metlakatla situation any more than to say that I am very positive that the Presbyterian organization at Metlakatla is and will be the only relig pus organization properly functioning there, that it now has in it practically all of the men of influence and that if properly supported and encouraged,that in a short time it will be the only church organization aside from the Salvation Army.

Cordially yours,

James H. Condit

April 15, 1921.

Rev. James H. Condit, D. D.,
Juneau,
Alaska.

Dear Dr. Condit:

Your letters in regard to the Metlakatla situation have just come and I think you present it well. I am writing to say to you now what I have refrained from saying before, and that is that I agree with your contention. I have tried, however, to keep an open mind on the matter and if I err to err on the side of generosity to the other people.

I wish you would say to Marsden also that whilst the Board cut down the appropriation to his salary with the idea of developing his congregation in the direction of self-support, that it is not our intention to leave him in the lurch. I prefer that this would be intimated to him by you rather than to come direct from the Board. It is the feeling of all of us here that the Alaskan native churches ought to have some pressure put on them to do something for themselves. In the fervor of their new start at Metlakatla they would probably be more willing to undertake something of this kind than they would after the newness wears down. My own idea is, however, that we must not forsake those people, although I have opposition to that in the Board, but not serious.

The point, however, is that I would like you to intimate to Marsden that whilst I am keeping myself in a position to help out with the Duncan trustees if it arises, I have no notion of throwing him to the wolves.

This morning a letter has come from Dr. McDowell of the Methodist Board, a copy of which I enclose. I have written Dr. McDowell that I will be glad to see him and talk the matter over on Tuesday. The whole proposition, in my judgment, is folly, as I learn from your letter that the Presbyterian element in Metlakatla is going to remain there no matter who comes or goes. I do not see that the Methodist Church and Dr. Myers can ~~have~~ do anything and I will so inform Dr. McDowell when he comes.

I think I wrote you in regard to Point Barrow and Cape Prince of Wales. Have you anybody in mind for Wales in case Dr. Greist is sent to Barrow? I have wondered whether or not J. H. McGuire, whom we both know, could be induced to go to Cape Prince of Wales next winter and hold things together there until we could get a physician. What do you think?

Hastily and truly yours,

JAM:ES

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April 20,1921

Rev. J.A.Marquis,D.D.,
156 5th Avenue,
New York.

Dear Dr. Marquis:

With some hesitancy I have determined to put a matter before you not for record or filing but as personal and confidential. It is one of those things which I would rather not write but must in justice to the cause.

For the second time complaints have come to me from Mr. Waggoner's congregation expressing dissatisfaction with him. On the last occasion a petition was in circulation asking for his removal. I strongly discouraged this movement and as it has not been handed to me I suppose that it has been dropped. The complaints come only from a part of his people and ordinarily I should give them little consideration. They are along the line of his failure to get into the homes of the people and to take a personal interest in their affairs. In this last movement the elders of both churches which he serves were involved with the exception of one man. Both Mr. and Mrs. Waggoner have strong friends among their natives. They, and especially Mrs. Waggoner, have been very efficient workers.

But in my opinion it would be good for them and best for the cause if they should make a change now. I feel that they have been too long in Alaska and ought to go elsewhere. Mr. Waggoner's attitude toward the Board is not what it ought to be. He is critical and disposed to take such an attitude in the meetings of the Presbytery.

When he cane to Alaska it was with the purpose of making manual training his specialty. He has had no seminary course. He is an expert with carpenter's tools and makes an excellent teacher along this line. I am in hopes that there is some opening either in our own Board or in the Woman's Board where he can be used to the good of the cause and also to his own satisfaction.

You will in all probability get a letter from Mr. Waggoner protesting against the action of the Board in reducing his grant by $300. He will probably say that he can not remain in his present position unless the Board will guarantee his entire support. I am in hopes that it will be possible for you to put the possibility of his serving in some one of our Indian schools in the states, either under our Board or the Woman's Board, in such a way that he will feel inclined to try it in the states for a while. Even if he should eventually come back to Alaska it will do him good to try it elsewhere for a while.

Sincerely yours,

James H. Condit

April 22, 1921.

Dr. James H. Condit,
Juneau,
Alaska.

Dear Dr. Condit:

Miss Voss is starting to Alaska today to visit the work of our Board there. She will see you at Juneau and I am writing to ask that you cooperate with her as though she were representing our Board as well as her own, which in fact I have asked her to do. Give her the advantage of all the information in your possession and talk our common problems out with her freely.

I have also asked Miss Voss if possible to stop at Metlakatla and give us the benefit of her opinion as to the situation there and do what she can to bring unity among those distracted people.

I hope you will make her visit to Alaska as pleasant as well as profitable as possible.

Very sincerely yours,

JAH:ES

April 25, 1921.

Rev. James H. Condit, D. D.,
Juneau,
Alaska.

Dear Dr. Condit:

Additional word from Point Barrow makes it more evident that you ought to go there next summer. I have already written to the Coast Guard Service about the Bear and also to Captain Pedersen about the Herman, asking them both if they could arrange to take you from Nome to Point Barrow and return. I think it most important that you should have more time than you can have by going on the Bear. You ought to be there a week or two so as to study the whole situation, get the physician and the nurse located and get Eide out of there. Feed him to the polar bears. At any rate make arrangements to take the trip this year and get the Barrow situation straightened out if possible so it will stay straight.

We are still on the hunt for a doctor but no one we can send has yet applied.

Very sincerely yours,

JAM:ES

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April 26,1921

Rev. J.A.Marquis,D.D.,
156 5th Avenue,
New York.

Dear Dr. Marquis:

Your letter of the 9th inst is at hand.

Should it be determined that I go to Barrow, and under all the circumstances I believe that some one ought to go, I will try to get passage on the Hermann, at least going from Nome, with the intention of returning on the Bear to Nome. This will give me ample time at Barrow.

Also, should I be sent there I should have funds provided sufficient to move the Greists from Wales to Barrow and also to bring out the Eides from Barrow to the states, in addition to what I shall need for my own transportation. There will also very likely be small items to provide at Wales from Nome and all this must be attended to while I am there. I cannot draw on the Board at that remote distance. Roughly estimating it will take $500 to bring the Eides out to Seattle and it is of great importance that every facility for thier removal be provided. May the Lord prevent their remaining on the Barrow fiedd, or northern coast. If he were of a type that would be safe anywhere I would suggest that they be placed at Wainwright but he would be an obstacle anywhere and not an asset. So I want by all means to get him out of Alaska. Then it will cost $ 250 to get the Greists from Wales to Barrow, if not more. My own expenses will be approximately $500. For extras and emergencies there should be on hands $250. I should therefore have $1500 in hand to set out with.

As the boats to Barrow do not leave until about August first I would leave Seattle about the first of July. This is the second sailing of the Victoria. I should make my reservation soon and would therefore like definite word as to my going as soon as possible.

By the way, in the above I made no provision for bringing the Browns out. I presume that the Board is responsible for their transportation out and if it is not otherwise provided I should have sufficient additional to the above to meet their expenses. This will add approximately $500 to the above estimate.

In regard to Wales I am sincerely hopeful that a missionary may be sent there even though he be other than a doctor. And in that case the coal, now on its way there, and other necessary things for the buildings, will be needed. Whoever goes will have to provide his own food supplies and it will have to go via freighter to Teller, from Seattle, on an Alaska S.S. Co. boat as no other will go to that port this summer. This freight matter ought to be attended to soon as space will be limited.

If we could find a man who has had some medical knowledge or practice or whose wife is a trained nurse, it would meet the situation fairly well. T trust that the Lord will direct to such a man for it would be a pity now to leave Wales without a man after all our expense in taking it over and all the n need there for a man.

Praying that God may guide in the affairs of the Board at the Assembly and may open up the way for the relief of the financial distress and with warmest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,

James N. Condit.

PRESBYTERY OF ALASKA

PRESBYTERY OF YUKON
JAMES H. CONDIT
STATED CLERK

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OF THE
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TERRITORY OF ALASKA
JAMES H. CONDIT, D. D., GENERAL MISSIONARY
JUNEAU, ALASKA

April 26,1921.

Rev. J.A.Marquis,D.D.,
156 5th Avenue,
New York.

Dear Dr. Marquis:

Dr. Young writes me that it is pretty well assured that Dr. W.E.Story, Fairoaks, California, is in line for Hydaburg.

From Dr. Story's letter to me last November I should urge that it be made very plain to him what kind of work he is undertaking before going to Hydaburg. He ought to know exactly what it is before he is commissioned.

Dr. Story states that he is a graduate of Chicago University Divinity School, has had large experience in Evahgelistic and war work, has been a superintendent of Missions and associated with pastorates of some importance. Before he goes to Hydaburg he should know that it is a small Indian church he is going to, that the field is limited and full of the small problems which pertain to work amogg the natives, that it will require much more physical activity than mental and that it is an isolated community with no white people in it other than the teachers of the Bureau of Education School. Also, if he goes,it should be with the determination of staying with the work for the reason that it will take a year or two for him to understand the native people and for them to understand him. I do not mean in regard to preaching but in the more vital matter of personal relations.

Should he be willing to undertake this work under this showing I would advise that he do not be sent before late summer for the reason that the people will practically all be gone until fall. The present provision of having the native elder, George Haldane, hold services will answer until the first of September at which time I would advise that he be sent.

Before he is finally commissioned I would like to correspond with him along these lines and ascertain definitely whether he has given the matter thorough consideration along all lines.

Cordially yours,

James H. Condit

(Copy to Dr. Young)

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Abstract of Minutes, Presbytery of Yukon, April 30-May 2,1921

Cordova, Alaska, April 30,1921

Meeting 1921 Cordova

Pursuant to the call of the Moderator, the Presbytery of Yukon met in the First Presbyterian Church of Cordova, at 10 a.m. and was opened with prayer. The Moderator's sermon was deferred till the following morning at the hour of the regular church service.

Roll

The roll was made out as follows:

Present:
Rev. W.S.Marple
R.J.Diven,D.D.
R.S.Nickerson

Absent:
Rev. J.H.Condit,D.D.
S.Hall Young,D.D.
E.O.Campbell,M.D.
J.L.McBride
J.L.Hughes
Frank H. Spence,M.D.

Churches represented:
Cordova First, Elder J.C.Smith.

Call for this Meeting

The call for this meeting was read, found in order, and is as follows: Paper A.

Organization

Rev. W.S.Marple was reelected Moderator and Rev. R.J.Diven,D.D., Temporary Clerk.

Dismissals Rev. E.N.Bradshawand Rev. A.G.Shriver Rev. R.J.Diven, D.D.

The Stated Clerk reported that since the last meeting of the Presbytery in accordance with instructions of the Presbytery he had granted letters of dismissal to the Rev. E.N.Bradshaw to the Presbytery of Chicago, to the Rev. A.G.Shriver, to the Presbytery of Central Washington and that these brethren had each been so received.
Upon his own request the Rev. R.J.Diven, D.D., was granted a letter to the Presbytery of Alaska to assume charge of the church at Wrangell.
A vote of appreciation was extended to Dr. Diven and he was especially commended to the Presbytery of Alaska.

Minutes.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and the record approved.

Docket.

The docket for this meeting, as prepared by the Stated Clerk, was presented and adopted as follows: Paper B.

Action on Committees of Presbytery

The following resolution, fixing the names and number of Committees of Presbytery as well as time of service, was adopted, as follows: Paper C.

Committees Appointed

The Moderator announced the following Committees:

Permanent:

Home Missions, Church Erection, Vacancy and Supply, Narrative, Dr. James H. Condit.
Foreign Missions, Relief and Sustentation, Rev. W.S.Mapple.
Temperance and Freedmen, Rev. F.G.Scherer.
Education, S.S.Work, Y.P.S.C.E., Rev. R.S.Nickerson
Bible Society, Elder D.H.Williams, Anchorage
New Era, Men's Work, Elder J.C.Smith, Cordova.

Standing:

Auditing, Dr. R.J.Diven
Resolutions, Rev. W.S.Marple
Sessional Records, Revs. Diven and Marple

Report of Commissioner to Assembly

Elder Kenneth J. Diven reported in writing as to his attendance upon the General Assembly Meeting of 1920, at Philadelphia. The report was adopted and his fidelity commended.

There was no report from the delegate to Synod.

Report of Committee on Arrangements.

The Committee on Arrangements, Rev. R.S.Nickerson, recommended that when Presbytery closed its afternoon meeting there should be no farther session that day and that inasmuch as the following day was Sunday the Moderator would preach at the morning service and the temporary Clerk would preach in the evening. Also, that there would be a popular meeting and social gathering in the church on Monday evening. The report was adopted

Treasurer's Report

The report of the Treasurer was read and is as follows, Paper D. and referred to the Auditing Committee which upon examination found the same in order and recommended its approval which was adopted.

Report of Stated Clerk

The report of the Stated Clerk was read with great interest and on motion it was approved and its recommendations adopted. Paper E.

This report indicated that there are 10 ministers and 6 churches in the Presbytery connection and that 2 churches are vacant. There were 29 additions on examination and 21 by certificate. Total membership 520. Net Increase,13. Baptisms, adult,7;infant,17. S.S.membership, 677. Contributions to Boards, $792; Gen. Assembl. $38.75; Miscel. $358; Congl.,$4725; Total, $5913.75.

The Rev. R.S.Nickerson has been received from Presb. of Twin Falls, The Rev. Frank H. Spence, because of impaired health, has removed from Barrow.

The long absence of the Rev. E.O.Campbell,M.D., from the bounds of the Presbytery was again noted and the Presbytery renewed its recommendation that Dr. Campbell take his letter to the Presbytery in the bounds of which he is now residing.

Report of Committee on Home Missions.

The report of the Committee on Home Missions was read and approved.Paper F The main items of this report were as follows:

(1) Establishment of mission at Wales, Alaska, with Dr. H.F.Greist and wife in charge.
(2) Failure of Board to find a physician to succeed Dr. Spence and probability of Dr. Greist being transferred to Barrow.
(3) Continued vacancy of the St. Lawrence Id. mission notwithstanding appeal

appeal of natives for a missionary and recommendation that a missionary be commissioned.
(4) Closing of Nenana mission temporarily because of decline in population there and supplying of this field from Fairbanks.
(5) Coming of Rev. R.S.Nickerson to Cordova and Rev. F.G.Scherer to Fairbanks.
(6) Debt of Board and cut in salaries of missionaries to native churches in expectation that native congregations will assume at least $200 additional of salary. And that in other churches the fields will make up the reductions.
(7) Importance of developing the Eskimo work.

Report of New Era Committee

The New Era Committee reported as follows and the report was adopted, Paper G.

Following are the chief features:

(1) Resignation of chairman, Dr. Condit, because of lack of time to attend tp business of this committee.
Appointment of following committee:
Chairman, Elder J.C.Smith, Cordova.
Stewardship, Rev. F.G.Scherer, Fairbanks
Every Member Mobilization, Rev. R.S.Nickerson, Cordova
Missionary Education, Rev. W.S.Marple

(2) Average per communicant to Benevolences:

Nenana	$8.63
Cordova	7.00
Fairbanks	4.80
Anchorage	2.21
General Average	$4.61
Average of Eskimo members	27¢

(3)Amount to be raised as our quota next year at $5 per member,$875
Amount to be raised by each church:

Anchorage	$480
Fairbanks	190
Cordova	150
Nenana	55

Report of Church Erection Committee.

The Committee on Church Erection reported as follows and the report was adopted, Paper H.

Vacancy and Supply

There was no report from the Committee on Vacancy and Supply.

Foreign Missions

The following report was submitted by the Committee of Foreign Missions and adopted. ~~XXXXXXX~~ paper I.

(1) All churches of Presbytery have carried out a definite Foreign Mission program
(2) Fairbanks contributed to specific object
(3) Anchorage plans a monthly S.S. mission program
(4) Cordova gives a portion of the review hour each week used

Temperance and Freedmen

There was no report from the Committee on Temperance and Freedmen.

Sunday School Work and Education

The report was read and adopted,as follows:

Approval of plan of cooperation in field work

Report of General Missionary — The report of the General Missionary was read with interest and a vote of thanks was extended to our General Missionary for his efforts thus to convey clearly the conditions and needs of both Presbyteries.

Bills and Overtures — Presbytery acted as a Committee of the Whole in considering the Overtures and Petitions offered and returned answers as follows:

1. Women Elders — Negative
2. Relief Measure — Affirmative
3. Opposing extra -Assembly Assessments, — Affirmative
4. Federated Church Moderators, affirmative
5. Proposed changes in Home Mission Board, No action
6. Two-year commissionership, negative
7. Change in term of service of Stated Clerk of Assembly, affirmative
8. Union of Evangelical Churches, affirmative
9. Ministerial Relief provisions, affirmative

Invitation to 50th Anniversary San Francisco Theo. Seminary — It was ordered that a letter of regret be sent in response to the invitation of San Francisco Seminary to appoint delegates to attend the 50th anniversary of that institution .

Commissioners to Assembly — Rev. Frank H. Spence,M.D., was elected principal and Rev. R.J.Diven,D.D., alternate ministerial Commissioners and Elder J.C.Smith of the Cordova church lay Commissioner to the General Assembly of 1921.

Delegates to Synod — Rev. J.H.Condit,D.D., and Elder Arthur H. Miller, of Anchorage Church were elected delegates to Synod.

Salary of Stated Clerk — It was ordered that beginning with the year 1919-20 the salary of the Stated Clerk be fixed at $20 per annum.

Assessment — The Presbyterial and Assembly apportionment was fixed at 25¢ per communicant.

Finance Committee — Rev. R.J.Diven,D.D. was appointed a Finance Committee to estimate and report on travel expenses of delegates to this meeting and to present the same to the Treasurer for adjustment.

Aid for Churches — After prolonged discussion the following action was taken:
Fairbanks church was recommended for aid from the Home Mission Board in the sum of $2,000 for the year beginning April 1,1921. Recognition was made of the fact that this is an unusual sum asked by the church but Presbytery acted upon the church's formal request and written representation of need and conditions. The recommendation was made in the hope that before the end of the year the church would be in a position to reduce the sum asked.
Anchorage church had taken no action looking toward securing aid for the coming year and as the minister was unable to state what amount would be needed no action was taken.
Cordova church was recommended for aid in the sum of $1400 being a liberal reduction from the sum required the previous year.

Cordova building project. — The Cordova Church, through its appointed representative, presented its building project. The church had secured pledges amounting to $2550 locally and in addition the proffer of two very valuable lots and Presbytery gave unanimous endorsement to the church's application for $2500 from the Board of Church Erection to apply in carrying forward said project.

Recess. — Presbytery took a recess to convene at call of Moderator.

Cordova, Alaska, May 1,1921

Presbytery convened at call of the Moderator at 4 p.m. and was opened with prayer.

Sessional Records — The Committee on sessional records approved the records of the Cordova church and reported that the records of the Fairbanks and Anchorage churches were not presented.

Resolutions — The Committee on Resolutions presented the following which was adopted. Paper K.

(a) (b) (c) appreciation of services of Drs. Dixon, Young and Condit

(d) advising against sending literature for Special Days to Churches of Yukon Presbytery unless such are ordered because of the irregularity of mail service.

(e) expressing certain qualifications which should be found in men sent as missionaries to Alaska

(f) "That Yukon Presbytery records its judgement that ministerial representation from this Presbytery to General Assembly should be determined by the order of their respective terms of service and confined to ministers actually in charge of parishes; provided that no minister who has earned his commissionership under this rule and who shall have removed from the Presbytery within six months of the Assembly to which he would have been commissioned, shall be deprived of his right by such removal"

Reading of Minutes:

The Minutes of this meeting were read and approved.

Adjournment — Presbytery adjourned with prayer and the apostolic benediction by the Rev. R.S.Nickerson.

(Signed) Robert Joseph Diven,

Temporary Clerk

(attest) James H. Condit,

Stated Clerk.

UN 21.1921

Dr Marquis

Resolutions

Adopted by the Presbytery of Yukon at its meeting held Apr.30-May1,1921

1. That the Stated Clerk use his first opportunity to extend to our best friend and wise advisor, Rev. John Dixon,D.D., our heartiest and sincerest appreciations. Long may Dr. Dixon be spared to administer to Alaska Home Missions needs and may each solved problem have within it the cheer of our gratitude, the return of our comfort, the value of our gains, is the wish and interest of the men at the north end of the firing line.

2. We the Ministers, elders and churches of Yukon Presbytery ask the Stated Clerk to convey to the Rev. S.Hall Young,D.D., Special Agent for Alaskan Missions, our sincerest greetings. It is with joy we learn of our friend and helper's contemplated tour of Alaska and we trust Dr. Young may have from this outing all the pleasure and profit he so richly deserves. We hope this will also bring to him a real invitation to visit each church and people. We earnestly hope to again meet this our leader in Alaskan work and to personally have the chance to further offer the good wishes and appreciation these resolutions express.

3. That we express our sincerest regrets over the inability of our General Missionary and Stated Clerk, Rev. James H. Condit,D.D., to attend this meeting. Not only have we lacked the counsel and wisdom Dr. Condit always contributes but we have sadly missed the genial comradeship and helpful fellowship his presence always offers. We wish to thank Dr. Condit for his untiring effort in behalf of our cause, our churches, our personal needs and we also would like to express xxx the unanimous desire of all concerned to have his occupancy of office extended.

(Signed) Wallace S. Marple,
Committee.

Board Literature

Owing to the great distance that intervenes between the churches of this Presbytery and the offices of the various benevolent Boards of the church, the irregularity and uncertainty of the mail service, and the difficulty of adaptation to most of the churches here, we recommend that no prepared programs for Special Days be sent to the churches and schools in question. This is done in the interest of economy.

New Missionaries for Yukon Presbytery

Resolved that it is the judgement of this Presbytery that all new workers within its bounds should be vigorous physically, have full and proper training educationally, and be of mature experience in their respective lines of work; that they be workers without children, or whose children are of mature years if interior Alaska be their goal; that no such workers should be commissioned till they shall have received the approval of the General Missionary. Further, that applicants for work within this Presbytery shall have actual conditions so presented to them as to make clear and understandable(if that is possible)the difficulties they are sure to face after they shall have traversed the distance which so generally lends delusive enchantment to affairs Alaskan.

(Attest) James H. Condit,
Stated Clerk.